

# Merry Christmas



## CRAWFORD COUNTY AVALANCHE

Holiday

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"Home of the AuSable River"

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### Road Commission talks of more trails

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

The Road Commission for Crawford County took a first step in the process to install more recreational pathways in the Grayling area by voting to help fund pre-engineering for the proposed trails.

Dave Frederick of the Crawford County Transit Authority brought the general proposal to the Road Commission Board at its December 10 meeting, which involves three new pathways, one of which would include a trail from Hanson Hills to Old Lake Road.

Vice-Chairman Robert Nelson asked if the proposed trails would be intended for motorized, non-motorized or dual use.

Frederick responded by stating that some would be motorized and some would be non-motorized.

Nelson said that since the non-motorized paths would be paved there is the concern that snowmobiles wouldn't be able to ride on them. "Snowmobiles would tear them up," said Nelson.

Frederick said that a policy of "no snowmobiles" would have to be enforced on the blacktopped trails. He also mentioned that there is the possibility of having both kinds of trails in an area and running them alongside of each other at the proposed trail sites.

Frederick continued by saying that liability for the trails would

belong to local government, like sidewalks. He said the Road Commission's major roles in the trail project would be "design and construction."

In addition, Frederick said the Road Commission wouldn't have to worry about maintenance since the school system and Grayling Recreation Authority both have sweepers and would be willing to use them for cleaning the trails.

The Board was generally supportive of the idea for more recreational pathways, especially to give young people a safe alternative to walking on the streets.

"I would like to see this," said Nelson of the proposal. "Every time they're walking out there (on the roads) there's a chance they'll get killed."

Frederick's specific intent at the meeting was to request that the Road Commission have its engineering firm, Northwest Design, do some preliminary engineering for the proposed paths.

Howard Haselschwardt of Northwest Design said the pre-engineering costs would not exceed \$1,000.

Frederick then asked if the Road Commission would split the cost of the preliminary engineering with the Transit Authority.

The Board voted 3-0 to split the pre-engineering costs, up to \$500, as requested.

### Santa Claus returns to Smith Street

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

Sometime during the early morning hours of Monday, December 21, Santa returned.

"He was laying along side the house when I went out this morning," said Kip Papendick, owner of the display Santa that disappeared about a week ago.

Papendick said that it appears Santa may have returned by way of a pick-up truck as evidenced by the tire tracks left at the scene.

The cozy display of Santa resting in a chair, warming himself by the glow of an ever-burning wood stove, has been a holiday fixture on Smith Street in Grayling for 38 years.

The *Avalanche* received phone calls and letters of disdain for the culprit or culprits who "kidnapped" Santa. Though it was probably just a prank or done on a dare, Santa's disappearance was taken very seriously by those who love him.

"There are parents who bring their kids by to see Santa who used to come by with their parents when they were little," Papendick said.

Santa suffered minor damage while away from Smith Street. "We fixed him up enough to display him again," said Papendick. "I'm so happy to have him back. Now I can get back into the Christmas spirit."



**A NEW LOOK** – Under the direction of Karen Ross and accompanied by pianist Erika Aumock, the Grayling High School Choirs performed their holiday concert on December 17 in new attire. Featured here – the GHS Concert Choir. Also performing were the Grayling Middle School Choirs, also under the direction of Karen Ross and accompanied by Erika Aumock.

### Community foundation receives gifts totalling \$22,000

North Central Michigan Community Foundation (NCMCF) has announced the receipt of three gifts, totalling \$22,000.

The Grayling Rotary Club and the Grayling Youth Boosters Club have both made pledges if \$10,000 each over the next five years, and the Anglers of the AuSable of pledged a gift of \$2,000.

In regards to the gifts from the Grayling Rotary Club and Grayling Youth Boosters Club, the contributions have been designated for the Crawford County General Fund. The income from this fund is unrestricted and can be applied to the areas of greatest need in Crawford County.

"By contributing to NCMCF, we feel we can benefit our communities and leverage funds from the Kellogg challenge, Jerry Gosnell, President of the Grayling Rotary Club stated.

"The Rotary Club currently awards six scholarships a year to second year college students. We hope that as these funds grow the scholarship program can be expanded."

The 60 members of the Grayling Rotary agreed to approve the pledge after looking at the Community Foundation several times.

Doug Hinkle, President of the Grayling Youth Boosters Club, said, "The 50 percent matching funds from the Kellogg Foundation for local youth programs was a major influence in our decision to pledge to NCMCF."

"We wanted to diversify and expand our means of helping kids. NCMCF provided that opportunity."

The Youth Boosters has over 600 members who have raised funds and invested them back into community youth activities for over 25 years.

Both clubs play a major role in contributing to people, projects and activities in the Grayling area.

In announcing the gifts, NCMCF Executive Coordinator Shari Ankney stated, "We are delighted to have the support of Grayling area organizations. In recent weeks we

have been urging the people in our five-county area to step forward and help NCMCF.

"With only two weeks to go, the Grayling Rotary and Grayling Youth Boosters have done just that."

The Anglers of the AuSable was founded in 1987. Headquartered in Grayling, the group is dedicated to preserving, protecting and enhancing the AuSable River system for future generations of fly fishers.

Their donation of \$2,000 will be divided, with half going to the

Crawford County Lakes and Rivers Fund and half going to the Roscommon County Lakes and Rivers Fund.

In announcing the gift, NCMCF Chairman, John W. Wade, stated, "We are delighted to have the support of the Anglers of the AuSable. The lakes and rivers of our two counties are major assets for our communities."

"Protecting the natural environment and clean water of our lakes and rivers has to be a crucial priority for everyone who lives here."

"This gift, together with other environmental funds which serve our two counties, will enable NCMCF to contribute to projects, activities, and groups dedicated to these objectives."

Anyone wishing to support either of these funds, or any other NCMCF fund, can do so by writing a check payable to North Central Michigan Community Foundation, P.O. Box 824, Roscommon, MI 48653, indicating the fund of your choice in the memo section of the check.

### Timberview Village celebrates Christmas

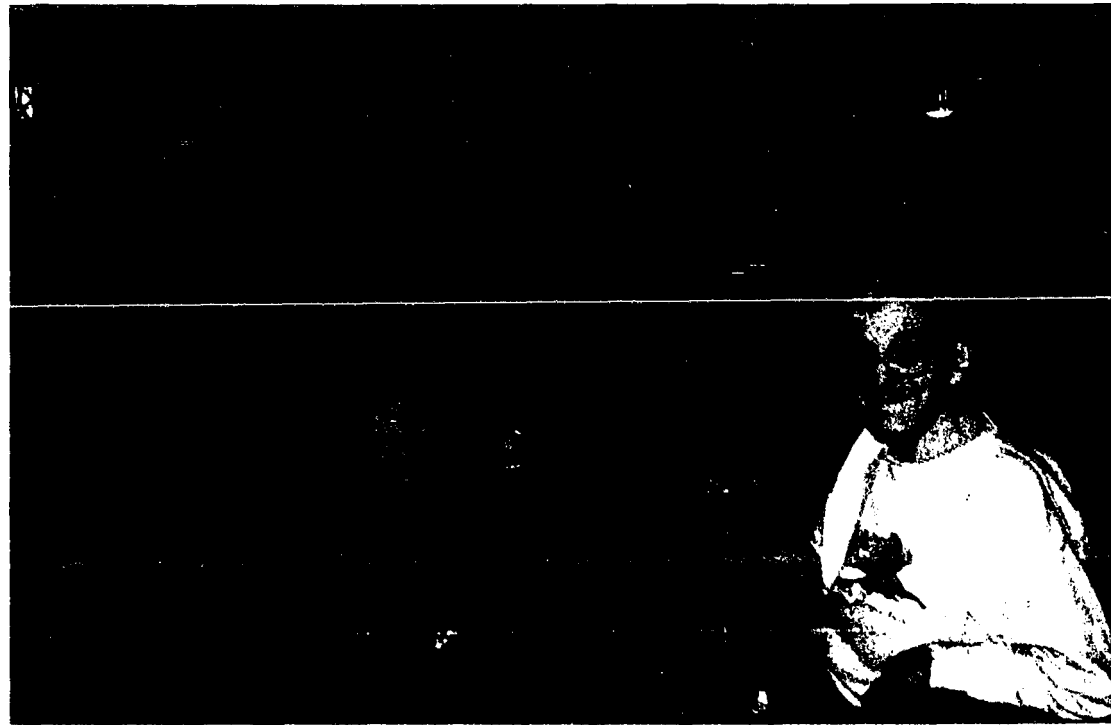


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**DECK THE HALLS** – Resident Tony Okapiec enjoys the wonderful woodland decorations near the entrance of Timberview Village. Barb Selesky, an owner and operator of Timberview Village, said Mr. Okapiec enjoys watching all kinds of wildlife living around the village, including wild turkey, partridge, and more recently, a bear. He also loves to talk about fishing and hunting. Family and friends came to help celebrate Christmas, on December 20, with dinner and dessert, music and conversation. A sign at the front of the village reads, "I love Grandma's house." The village has the ambiance of many a grandmother's home – warm, cozy and inviting. The air was filled with the heavenly scent of holiday home-cooking. At the 23-year old establishment there are Christmas trees and decorations in every room and smiles on every face during this festive time of year.

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# SEASON'S GREETINGS



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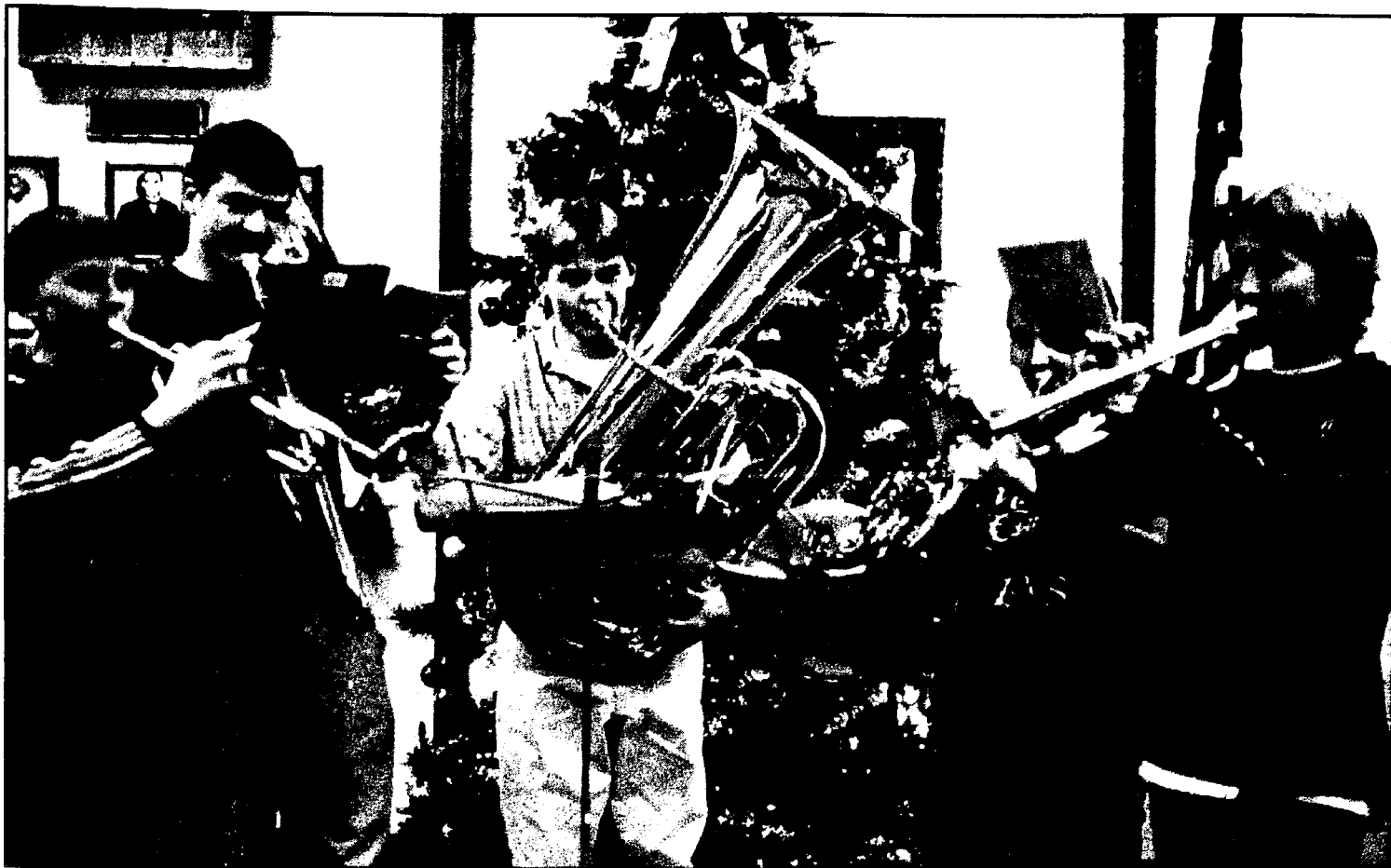


Photo by Cheryl Ruley

**MUSICAL CHRISTMAS CARD** - Members of the Grayling High School Viking Band raised money for band functions by performing musical Christmas cards. Gift-givers ordered musical telegrams, such as this one given to the Crawford County employees by Judge Alton Davis and Judge John Hunter, for a donation of \$10 or more. This ensemble played several holiday favorites at the county building last week. Shown are, from left: Ryan Mirate, Joe Hughes, Tim Ormsbee, Erin Scott and Brooke Ginther.

## It's not okay to lie says Camp

Washington, D.C. - On December 19 the House of Representatives approved two Articles impeaching President Clinton. U.S. Representative Dave Camp, who voted in favor of all four Articles, released the following statement regarding his vote:

"The House of Representatives approved Article I (lying under oath to the grand jury) by a bipartisan vote of 228-205 and Article III (obstruction of justice) by a bipartisan vote of 221-212," said Camp. "I voted in favor of impeachment because I believe credible and convincing evidence exists that President Clinton may have committed a crime. The matter now

rests in the hands of the United States Senate, which must conduct a trial and decide if the President is guilty or innocent of these charges." Camp continued, "During the solemn and historic debate, I was guided by my conscience and the United States Constitution. Our founding fathers, in their ultimate wisdom, based our Constitution on the simple principle that no one is above the law. I could not vote in good conscience to summarily dismiss these charges."

"Some people have expressed support for censuring the President," commented Camp. "While this may be an option for sanction, the United States Constitution charges the House of

Representatives only with deciding if a case against the President exists. It is the constitutional role of the United States Senate to remove, exonerate or impose sanctions on the President."

As for continuing the impeachment vote while the U.S. and British attacked Iraq, Camp said, "Delaying the vote on impeachment was not necessary. The Secretary of Defense William Cohen, Chief of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Henry Shelton and the President have all stated unequivocally that the vote on impeachment would have no impact on the national security interests of the United States."

## Rep. Camp comments on Iraq situation

Washington, D.C. - Congressman Dave Camp (R-MI) released the following statements regarding the current situation in Iraq.

"This afternoon (December 16) the United States of America launched a military attack against Iraq and I want to make it very clear that I support our troops in the Persian Gulf. My thoughts and prayers are with the servicemen and women who are carrying out this operation."

"However, I believe the conditions in Iraq have been known for many months and that this important operation is long overdue."

"UNSCOM (the United Nations Special Commission on Iraq) has been withdrawn on at least four occasions during the past 13 months."

"The Administration has also diplomatically prevented free and unfettered weapons inspections, according to former UNSCOM inspector Scott Ritter who recently resigned."

"Some have suggested the timing of this military action was to delay the scheduled vote on impeachment."

I hope and pray that is not true."

On December 17, Camp voted for the passage of a resolution in the full House of Representatives expressing support for U.S. Troops in the Persian Gulf. The resolution passed 417 to 5.

"Today I voted on a resolution supporting our troops in the Persian Gulf. This is a trying time for America, however, it is time for this great country to remain strong and united. Brave men and women have

been placed in harms way and we must remain supportive of their efforts."

Camp then expressed his gratitude toward the families and troops who are making very difficult sacrifices during the holiday season.

"I know it's not going to be an easy time, but it should help knowing that America has expressed its support for our brave troops."

"As a nation we must remain strong and pray for our troops safety and quick return home."

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# ISSUES AND OPINIONS



## ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

# One solitary life....

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following thoughts were first gathered into a Christmas column and offered in *The Almanack* more than 30 years ago; over the years, they have appeared several times during the Christmas season — and are still appropriate.)

"HE WAS born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another small village. He worked in a carpenter shop until He was 30, and then for three years He was an itinerant preacher.

"He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never owned a home. He never had a family. He never went to college. He never put His foot inside a big city. He never traveled 200 miles from the place He was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but Himself.

"While He was still a young man, the tide of popular opinion turned against Him. His friends ran away. He was turned over to His enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While He was dying, His executioners gambled for the only piece of property He had on earth, and that was His coat.

"When He was dead, He was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

"Nineteen centuries have come and gone, and today He is the Central figure of the human race,

and the leader of the column of progress.

"I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched... and all the navies that ever sailed... and all the parliaments that ever sat... and all the kings that ever reigned, put together... have not affected the life of man upon the earth, as has

"...That one solitary life."

OF COURSE, I didn't originate that article; I only repeat it from the original and unknown (to me) author.

But it seems to me that in a relatively few lines, the story of "One Solitary Life" helps us add perspective to our activities, especially as we enjoy the Christmas season each year.

What we seek is meaning in our own lives. We seek happiness, each in his or her own form, and happiness comes in many guises.

As long as I'm quoting, let me endorse the formula for happiness set down many years ago by Ralph Waldo Emerson:

"A happy life is to laugh often and to love much...to win the respect of intelligent persons and the affection of children...to earn the approbation of honest critics and to endure the betrayal of friends...to appreciate beauty...to give of one's self...to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition...to have played and laughed with enthusiasm, and to have sung with

exaltation...to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived..."

That, my friends, brings meaning. That brings happiness.

\* \* \*

YES, WE NEED a credo, a purpose, a plan to our living, and to our life. We need principles, truth, faith. We need prayer.

One of the most beautiful and touching prayers ever composed is the familiar Prayer of St. Francis:

"Lord make me an instrument of your peace...where there is hatred, let me sow love...where there is injury, pardon, where there is despair, hope...where there is darkness, light...and where there is sadness, joy.

"Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console...to be understood as to understand...to be loved as to love..."

"For it is in giving that we receive...it is in pardoning that we are pardoned...and in dying that we are born to eternal life."

Truly, words to live by.

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TO ALL OF YOU, a blessed and joyous Christmas and holiday season from The Almanack.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

## LETTERS TO THE

# EDITOR

## Senate should show same courage as House

To the editor,  
Kudos to the members of the House of Representatives of the United States.

These men and women showed incredible courage and integrity in voting for the impeachment of Mr. Clinton (cannot bring myself to use the word "president" for this man).

If that sounds partisan and unfair, so be it. In voting for impeachment the House of Representatives said, "No man is above the law, including the President of the United States."

Clinton had many opportunities to set the record straight, and chose instead to play word games. For example, "That depends on what you call sex."

Some of Clinton's defenders state that what Mr. Clinton did did not deserve impeachment. "After all," they say, "all he did was commit

adultery and try to spare his family pain by lying under oath about it. Everyone does that!"

He could have spared his family pain by not committing adultery in the first place, let alone that it was done in the Oval Office with an intern half his age.

The only regrets I have about Mr. Clinton's impeachment was that he was not charged with more serious offenses, such as accepting bribes and "contributions" to the Democratic Party from the Peoples Republic of China.

Also, what this man has done to our military is a disgrace! The military is not nation-builders or Meals-On-Wheels, for whatever social programs this man deems necessary for votes to stay in office.

And, please, Mr. Clinton, don't insult the intelligence of the

American people that the timing of your attack on Iraq was mere coincidence. The military deserves respect and the admiration of the world — not being used as a tool to try to wiggle out of what you should do if you had any self-respect at all. Unfortunately, one of the reasons these charges were not made, I fear, is that Representatives on both sides of the aisle may be involved in this or similar mischief.

Well, Al Capone could not be

convicted for murder and racketeering, but was convicted for tax evasion and the result was the same.

I only hope and pray that the Senate may find within itself the same courage and integrity the House of Representatives exhibited.

As was stated after the resignation of Richard Nixon, "The system still works!"

James W. Allman  
Frederic

**Editor's note:** You can let your voice be heard in Washington, by writing U.S. Senator Spencer Abraham (R-Auburn Hills) at DSO Bldg., Room 105, Washington, D.C. 20510, or by fax at (202) 224-8834. His telephone numbers are, in Washington (202) 224-4822, and in Michigan (810) 350-0510.

## It's not who they picked, but how they picked him

To the editor,

Time out, commissioners! Did you forget for whom you work and how you came to have this responsibility? You are elected officials. Elected by the people of Crawford County.

It has been your responsibility over the past few years as commissioners to make sound, informed decisions that affect our county and its citizens.

I believe that you have all done a fair and equitable job. However, the same voting process that got you elected some years ago has worked to elect a new board of commissioners.

Remember, when someone takes the time to exercise their right and privilege to vote, they are expressing their opinion. It would follow, by my reasoning anyway, that the people who voted to elect the new commissioners would want the new board to have the chore of appointing the board member for the vacant seat on the road commission.

Isn't it about time to stop playing partisan politics and concentrate on doing the right thing, regardless of your political affiliation? When I read the title "County Commissioner," I don't see the words Republican or Democrat.

I have always believed (or hoped) that the responsibility of our elected officials has been to serve the public by hearing the voice of the majority. In fairness, I believe

Mr. Nelson has served the people of Crawford County fairly and honestly in the past, and I have no doubt that he will continue to do so.

It is not who, but how, that I am opposed to. Communication and information are two of the most powerful tools we have for success. By not granting interviews to all of the applicants for the road commission seat, our board members did the voters and taxpayers an injustice. If no interviews were given, how could the board make an informed decision?

I also question the communication (if any) that took place between the existing board and the new board.

It's time that self-serving partisan politics be taken out of our local government. Voters and taxpayers want and deserve officials that serve the people honestly and with an open mind.

Jim W. Shirkey  
Taxpayer and voter  
Frederic

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not reflect the views of *The Avalanche*.

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

Every letter must be signed and an address and telephone number

must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the author's name.

All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

## A Soldier's Christmas

*'Twas the night before Christmas, he lived all alone,  
In a one bedroom house made of plaster and stone.  
I had come down the chimney with presents to give,  
and to see just who in this home did live.*

*I looked all about, a strange sight I did see,  
No tinsel no presents, not even a tree.*

*No stocking by mantle, just boots filled with sand,  
On the wall hung pictures of far distance lands.*

*With medals and badges, awards of all kinds,  
A sober thought came through my mind.*

*For this house was different,  
It was dark and dreary,*

*I found the home of a soldier,  
once I could see clearly.*

*The soldier lay sleeping, silent, alone,  
curled up on the floor in this one bedroom house.*

*The face was so gentle, the room in such disorder,  
not how I pictured a United States soldier.*

*Was this the hero of whom I'd just read?  
Curled up on a poncho, the floor for a bed?*

*I realized the families that I saw this night,  
Cried their lives to these soldiers who were*

*willing to fight.*

*Soon 'round the world, the children would play,  
And grownups would celebrate*

*A bright Christmas day.*

*They all enjoyed freedom each month of the year,  
Because of the soldiers, like the one lying here.*

*I couldn't help wonder how many lay alone,  
On a cold Christmas Eve in a land far from home.*

*The very thought brought a tear to my eye,  
I dropped to my knees and started to cry.*

*The soldier awakened and I heard a rough voice,  
"Santa don't cry, this life is my choice;*

*I fight for freedom, I don't ask for more,  
My life is my God, my country, my corps."*

*The soldier rolled over and drifted to sleep,  
I couldn't control it, I continued to weep.*

*I kept watch for hours, so silent and still  
And we both shivered from the cold night's chill.*

*I didn't want to leave on that cold, dark night,  
this guardian of honor so willing to fight.*

*Then the soldier rolled over,  
with a voice soft and pure,*

*Whispered, "Carry on, Santa,  
It's Christmas Day, all is secure.*

*One look at my watch, and I knew he was right,  
Merry Christmas, my friend, and to all a good night.*

Author Unknown

Submitted by Major Tom Lamie

## Another Santa is stolen

To the editor,

To the person that stole my Santa Claus off my fence — If you needed ten dollars that bad, you should have the guts to knock on the door and ask for it.

Or, here is a novel idea — get a job! Merry Christmas.

Deanne Whiteside  
Roscommon

## Early Deadlines for the Holidays!

The Crawford County Avalanche office will close at noon on Christmas Eve, December 24th and reopen at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, December 28th. Deadlines for display ads for the December 31st issue will be Thursday, December 24th at noon. Display ads for the January 7th issue will be Thursday, December 31st.

Happy Holidays

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# COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

## Substance abuse board to meet

The Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Services Board of Directors will be held on Monday, January 4, beginning at 10 a.m., in the Baraga Meeting Room of the Offices of Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Services, Inc. at 1665 West M32, Marquette Bldg., in Gaylord. For an agenda call (517) 732-1791. The meeting is open to the public.

## Lions Lucky 13 winner announced

The Grayling Lions Lucky 13 winner of \$100 for week #12 is Stephen Wilson.

## Selective Service now offers registration on the internet

Michigan Selective Service officials introduced their new internet registration web site at events in Lansing and elsewhere on December 2.

The introduction of this new, interactive, on-line registration will make it easier for thousands of Michigan 18-25 year-olds to fulfill their civic and legal responsibility.

According to Brigadier General (Ret.) Arthur Tesner, Michigan's state Selective Service Director, "This new web site should exponentially increase our ability to help young men in Michigan register with Selective Service."

"We're finally ready to enter the 21st century with the technology and support to keep the backbone of our emergency national defense system strong."

"For nearly two decades, men have gone to the post office, completed and mailed a registration form, and waited 60 to 90 days to receive an acknowledgement card from us," noted the Honorable Gil Coronado, national Director of Selective Service, at ceremonies in

Washington, D.C.

"With this new on-line service, a man with a valid Social Security number connects to the Selective Service Web Site at <http://www.sss.gov>, clicks the "Register Now" icon, types in his registration information, clicks on the "Submit" button and instantly receives his Selective Service number.

"Within two weeks, he receives a formal acknowledgement postcard from our office," Coronado concluded.

Federal law requires virtually all men to register with Selective Service within 30 days of their 18th birthday. Failure to register is a felony.

Registration is linked to many federal and state benefits. For example, a man must be registered to be eligible for federally-funded student loans and PELL grants, job training programs under the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA), and federal jobs in the executive branch of government, including jobs with the U.S. Postal Service.

## Grayling Red Cross plans first blood drive of the new year

A Grayling Community Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at the American legion on Wednesday, January 6, from 12 noon to 5:45 p.m.

The Red Cross said that at this time of year it is very important to take time to donate blood. There are always accidents and other emergencies, due to bad weather and the haste of the holidays, that take a toll on blood supplies.

You must be 17 years of age and weigh at least 110 pounds to donate blood. Senior citizens are welcome.

Nurses are available to answer any questions about medications and other concerns.

The Grayling Community Red Cross reports 131 donors at the Grayling High School blood drive in November and 42 first-time donors. They were: Anne Albright, Paul Alma, Ben Baker, Jessica

Becks, Brett Black, Eric Britton, Angela Cojocar, Tiffany Craigie, Justin Davis, Thomas Denno, James Eddy, Jordan Hall, Josh Halstead, Carrie Hatfield, David Hawkins, Brent Holborn, Travis Hulbert, Rachel Isenhauer, Carson Johnson, Jacey Johnson, Marc Kiefer, Kim Kosloski, Kevin Bulley, Allison Lockwood, Kyle Maples, Brian McCurdy, Tammy Myers, Jason Potter, Tracie Prause, Michael Ritter, Daniel Shute, Charles Siegel, Jason Smith, Kristin Starr, Heather Stevens, Sharon Stilson, Elijah Tobin, Amanda Trudgeon, Lindsey Voelker, Danielle Weatherly, Bradley Wilson, Jr., Jean Zelek, Leanna Mathews.

Donor Pins were given to: 1 gallon - Brock Prater; 2 gallon - James Dannenberg, Jr.; 5 gallon - Marvin Smith III; 8 gallon - Willard Tobin; 10 gallon - Joseph Rozenek.

## Brownie Troop 2458 enjoys brisk cookie sales



Photo by Cheryl Ruley

**TIP TOP COOKIES** - Members of local Brownie Troop 2458 set up their "Tip Top Cookie Shop" in the lobby of Glen's Market recently where cookies sold quickly. Brownies Jessica Pickell, Kamryn Kurtzner and Kayla Spinelli wore their badges and showed off their salesmanship skills for the camera.

## DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT No. 10

District Health Department No. 10 has scheduled the following clinics at the Grayling office. Appointments are recommended or required for all clinics. Please call 348-7800 for information on these clinics and our Environmental Health Services.

Call for appointment:  
Immunization Clinics - January 6, 11, 20 and 25.  
Family Planning - January 5 and 26.

Premarital Class - January 9  
Optional/Confidential HIV/AIDS testing - January 7 and 21

WIC Supplemental Food Program for pregnant women, infants and children - January 11, 20, 21, 25 and 28

WIC - Frederic Satellite Clinic - January 15

Maternal Support Service for Pregnant Women - call for information any day

Note: Cadillac office only - OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Standard Training Session - Quarterly, March 10, 1999. Call (616) 775-9942 for appointment.

A Coronary Risk Profile will be available in 1999. This is a total cholesterol screening - HDL, LDL, triglycerides, glucose and blood pressure. The cost is \$25 per person, by appointment only.

The Grayling Health Department will be offering the screenings as follows: Friday, April 30 and Friday, August 6, 1999. Call 348-7800 for an appointment.

## Child booster seats recalled

Basic Comfort "Galaxy 2000" child booster seats have been recalled by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

Improper placement of the shoulder belt portion of the vehicle's built-in safety harness system can result in excessive forces on the chest of the child booster seat occupant, increasing the risk of personal injury.

The nearly 42,000 booster seats that are being recalled have model numbers 960 and 961.

A revised instructional booklet, which shows correct placement of the seat belt in relation to the booster seat, is being provided to owners

of the booster seat.

Owner notification began during October 1998. Owners who have not received the free instruction booklet should contact Basic Comfort, Inc. at 1-800-456-8687.



For those who are looking for an "old fashioned" complete eye exam and care about "genuine" value in products & services.

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THURS 24	•TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) @ Mercy Hospital Riverside Room, 5 pm. For more information call Joanne 348-4416. •MINIMAL FEE BLOOD PRESSURE & BLOOD SUGAR SCREENINGS @ Commission on Aging, 11 am - 12 noon. •GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ Grayling City Hall, 8 pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information. •SINGLES, 123 Lake St., Prudenville. 6:00 p.m.
FRI 25	•GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 12 noon & 8 pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information.
SAT 26	• PROMISE KEEPERS BREAKFAST. Location to be announced, call Fred Albers at 348-7695.
SUN 27	•GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, 8 pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information. •ATTEND THE CHURCH of your choice today.
MON 28	•KIWANIS CLUB meeting @ Shoppenagon's Inn, 12 noon. •GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 12 noon & 8 pm @ Frederic Township Hall. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information.
TUES 29	•GPA MEETING @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 12 noon. •GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 8 pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information.
WED 30	•ROTARY MEETING @ Patti's Towne House, 12 noon. •WEIGHT WATCHER'S meeting @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, M-72 West; weigh-in 4:45 pm; meeting 5:30 pm. For more information call Mary, 348-5306. •GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 12 noon. Call Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information.



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Wednesday - 6:30 pm

**Knights of**

**Columbus**

K of C Hall, 604 Norway  
Grayling

Thursday - 7 pm

**American**

**Legion Hall**

Post 106 - Grayling

Friday - 6:30 pm

**Grayling Eagles**

**Aerie #3465**

Eagles Club, 602 Huron  
Grayling

Saturday - 6:30 pm

**Frederic**

**Volunteer Fire**

**Department**

Frederic Township Hall

# The Bible Speaks

## Merry Christmas

What does Christmas mean to you? Please read with us the Christmas narrative: (Matthew 1:18-23) "Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. {19} Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily. {20} But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. {21} And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. {22} Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, {23} Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us."

The above scripture is a description of the incarnation, that is, of the eternal Word of God taking a human body inside the womb of the virgin Mary. We see this eternal Word as the creator in John 1:1-3: "In the beginning was the

Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. {2} The same was in the beginning with God. {3} All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made." We see this eternal creator become flesh in John 1:14: "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us (and we beheld his glory, the glory as the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." Just as God the Father is the eternal Father, so Jesus Christ is the eternal begotten Son.

But why did the eternal Word become flesh? Not one sin will enter the presence of a Holy God. (Habakkuk 1:13) "Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity..." "The word Holy is found 611 times in the holy Bible. God's name is Holy. (Isa 57:15). The Son is called Holy in Luke 1:35. The Father is called Holy by the Holy Son in John 17:11. The 3rd person of the trinity is called the Holy Ghost or Holy Spirit throughout the Bible. Everything connected with God must be made Holy before it can enter His presence. This is why Jesus Christ came to earth to be our savior.

Jesus Christ is Emmanuel, meaning God with us. The Angel said, "thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins." Jesus

means savior! Jesus Christ came to earth to die as our substitute for our sins that through faith in His death, burial, and resurrection we might have forgiveness of sins and eternal life! (2 Corinthians 5:21) "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." (Matthew 20:28) "Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many."

Have you received forgiveness of sins and eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ? (John 1:12) "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name;" (2 Corinthians 9:15) "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift."

Pastor "B"

Please pray for the ministry of this column and our church Websites at <http://freeway.net/~cba/> and at <http://www.geocities.com/Hearthland/Ranch/1263/>

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## Christmas Star remains a mystery

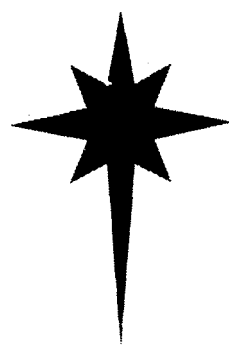
The mystery of the star which shone over Bethlehem heralding the birth of Jesus Christ has attracted the attention of theologians and scientists for centuries. Yet the star's cause and its nature remain unsolved.

According to Richard Teske, University of Michigan professor emeritus of astronomy, if the star is something natural in the night sky, astronomers might be able to pinpoint the phenomenon that gave rise to the biblical account.

One problem they face in seeking an explanation is the vague written description of the star. Another is the imprecise date of the year and month of Jesus' birth.

According to the best reckoning, the birth could have been any time during the three years that we number as 7 B.C., 6 B.C. and 5 B.C.

The most convincing scientific study of the possible origins of the Christmas Star, according to Teske, identifies the best choice of the



celestial event to be a "conjunction" of the planets Jupiter and Saturn that took place in the summer and fall of 7 B.C.

Roughly every 400 years, Jupiter and Saturn may appear from Earth

to align for many months. From early May until late December of the year we call 7 B.C., the two planets rambled around together in the constellation Pisces (the two fish) which was associated in the astrology of the time with the Jews and Israel.

Moreover, in traditional Jewish lore, Saturn protected Israel, while Jupiter was considered to be a royal and lucky "star."

For more information on the mystery of the Star of Bethlehem, contact Teske at (540) 722-3699, or via e-mail at:

[teske@astro.lsa.umich.edu](mailto:teske@astro.lsa.umich.edu)

### Card of Thanks

Thank you to all of the many individuals and businesses who helped in the planning, preparation, and serving of Emily's benefit dinner at the Eagle's club. There are too many to name individually. We really appreciate all the support and prayers. Thank you all for making a difference in Emily's life.

The Grosskopf's:  
Rich and Linda,

Richelle, Emily and Anna

## Church Directory

### A Manger for a KING



Guided by the Star of Bethlehem, the shepherds and wise men alike found themselves standing before a lowly stable. Could this be the birthplace of the prophesied King of Kings? Amidst the animal sounds there was the unmistakable cry of a newborn infant. They slowly entered, still puzzled by the strange scene before them. There they found the baby Jesus in the arms of Mary, His mother, next to a manger bed filled with straw.

Yet, this infant would grow to be called the Son of God...the Prince of Peace. Jesus would teach forgiveness and love, not retribution and hate.

As you worship this Christmas, may the words of the angel of the Lord ring in your heart:

"For unto you is born this day...a Savior who is Christ the Lord."



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Isaiah 7:10-25	Zephaniah 3:1-20	Psalms 24	Isaiah 9:1-7	Luke 2:1-20	John 1:1-18	John 1:19-34

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**Christian Science Society**  
209 First St., Suite 103 - Gaylord  
Sunday Service... 10:30 am  
April through October  
2nd Wednesday... 8 pm

**Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church**  
Pastor Jeffrey Jagers  
400 Michigan Ave. • 348-2974  
Sunday Worship... 8:30 & 11 am  
Sunday School - Sept. - May... 9:45 to 10:45  
Sunday Radio Ministry... 8 am, 10:11 WQON  
Coffee Fellowship... 12 noon  
Bible Study (Wed.)... 10 am

**Seventh Day Adventist**  
Pastor Jeff Arthur  
Phone 348-4033  
Services held Saturday at Camp AuSable off M-72 East (1st building on right inside camp entrance).  
Church Service... 9:30 am  
Sabbath School... 10:30 am  
Prayer Meeting Tues... 7 pm

**Burning Bush Tabernacle**  
Pastor Patricia Petric, 348-1278  
501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling  
Sunday School... 10 am  
Sunday Service & Children's Church... 11 am  
Sunday Evening Service... 6 pm  
Monday Prayer Meeting... 7 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study... 7 pm  
Thursday Discipleship Class... 7 pm

**Grayling Assembly of God**  
Rev. Ron Voelker, Pastor  
701 S. I-75 Business Loop  
Church 348-8885 • Parsonage 348-2588  
Sunday School... 9:30 am  
Morning Worship... 10:30 am  
Evening Service... 6 pm  
Wednesday - Family Night  
Adult-Youth-Children... 7 pm

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**  
President Larry A. Cook  
600 North Elm Street, Gaylord  
Sacrament... 10 am  
Sunday School... 11 am  
Primary... 11 am  
Priesthood... 12 noon  
Relief Society... 12 noon

**Emma Lowery United Church of Christ**  
Pastor, James Briney  
3474 West Park Road  
Sunday Worship... 11 am  
Adult and Youth Sunday School... 9:30 am

**Heritage Baptist**  
Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411  
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.  
1/4 mile west of I-75  
Sunday School... 9:45 am  
Morning Worship... 11 am  
Evening Worship... 6 pm  
Wednesday... 7 pm

**St. John Lutheran (ELCA)**  
Pastor Robert Faber  
710 Spruce Street  
348-5224  
Sunday School... 9:15 am  
Sunday Worship... 10:30 am  
Nursery is available

**Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**  
Pastor Patricia Fowler  
North Down River Rd. at 1030 Glenn Rd.  
P.O. Box 1188  
Church School... 9:45 am  
Preaching... 11 am  
Midweek Service Prayer... 7 pm

**Gaylord Christian Reformed**  
Rev. V. Schaap  
415 Ohio North, Gaylord  
Sunday School... 9:45 am  
Morning Worship... 11 am  
Evening Service... 6 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study... 7:30 pm

**St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community**  
Robert W. Nalley, J.V., Pastor  
700-708 Peninsular - 348-7657  
Sabbath Eucharist  
Saturday Vigil Mass... 6 pm  
Sunday Masses... 8:00 am  
Family Mass... 10:00 am  
Scripture Study (Sundays)... 9:15 am  
Daily Masses... 8:30 am  
Wednesday & Fridays... 8:30 am  
Our Worship space is never locked - utilize our Church for private prayer and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at any hour.

**First Baptist Church of Frederic**  
Pastor Dale Hammond  
Sunday School... 9:45 am  
Morning Worship... 11 am  
Evening Worship... 6 pm  
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study... 7 pm  
Blessing Radio (Internet)  
<http://blessing-radio.com>

**Calvary Baptist church**  
Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor  
M-72 West  
Sunday School... 9:45 am  
Morning Worship... 10:30 am  
Evening Worship... 6 pm  
Mid-Week Services  
Wednesday... 7 pm  
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed.)... 7 pm

**Church of Christ**  
Larry Turner, Minister  
Old US-27 at Skyline Rd. • 275-4388  
Sunday Classes... 10:30 am  
Sunday Worship... 11:15 am  
Sunday Evening... 6 pm  
Wednesday  
Mid-Week Bible Study... 7 pm

**Bear Lake Christian**  
M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd.  
Sunday School... 9 am  
Sunday Service... 10 am

**The Church of Christ with the Eliza Message**  
Pastor John E. Weaver  
7662 Kelly Ave., Frederic  
Sunday Worship... 10 am & 7 pm  
Wed. Prayer Service... 7 pm

**Abundant Life Tabernacle**  
Pastor Lyle Studer  
211 Shellenbarger St. • 348-5325  
Sunday School... 10 am  
Sunday Worship... 11 am & 6:30 pm  
Wednesday Evening... 7 pm

**Grayling Baptist Church**  
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Pastor Terry Colby  
Meeting at Hanson Hills • 348-2557  
Sunday School... 9:45 am  
Morning Worship... 11 am  
Evening Service... 6 pm  
Wednesday Service... 7 pm

**Harvest Time Church of God**  
Pastor Fred Coates  
506 North Birch St., Kalkaska  
(616) 258-3448  
Sunday School... 10 am  
Worship Service... 11 am & 6 pm  
Family Training Hour and Prayer  
Wednesday... 7 pm

**Lovells Chapel**  
Pastor Rev. D. Dean Coursey  
Sunday School... 10 am  
Chapel Service... 11 am  
Wednesday Prayer Meeting... 7-8 pm

**Free Methodist**  
Joseph Carpenter - Pastor  
6652 W. Kalkaska Rd. (M-72 W.) • 348-5362  
Sunday School... 10 am  
Morning Service... 11 am  
Evening Service... 6 pm  
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday)... 7 pm

**Mt. Hope Evangelical Lutheran-Missouri Synod**  
Rev. Paul Boerger, Pastor  
905 N. I-75 Bus. Lp. • 348-5921 • 348-6504  
Sunday Worship... 8 & 10:30 am  
Bible Study & Sunday School... 9:15 am  
Tuesday Night School... 5:30 pm

**St. Francis Episcopal**  
Rev. Robert Henley  
M-72 West - Office 348-5850  
Sunday Holy Eucharist... 8:30 & 10:30 am  
Morning Praise... 10:30 am  
(the second Sunday of each month)  
Adult & Children's Sunday School... 9:30 am  
Sunday nursery provided... 10:30 am  
by Licensed Daycare Professional  
Adult Choir Practice (Wednesday)... 6:45 pm

**St. Martins Ev. Lutheran (Wels)**  
Herbert R. Filter - Pastor  
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Services held at the Roscommon Community Center, Sunday mornings at 9 am, 510 South St., Roscommon, MI.

**Luzerne Baptist**  
Pastor James Durfee  
2247 Durfee Lane  
Sunday School... 10 am  
Sunday Morning Worship... 11 am  
Sunday Evening Worship... 6 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study... 7 pm

**Unity of Gaylord**  
Rex Franklin, Minister  
Onsego Twp. Hall, Waters • (517) 786-3913  
Sunday Services... 10:30 am  
Sunday School... 10:30 am

**Lake Margrethe Full Gospel Church**  
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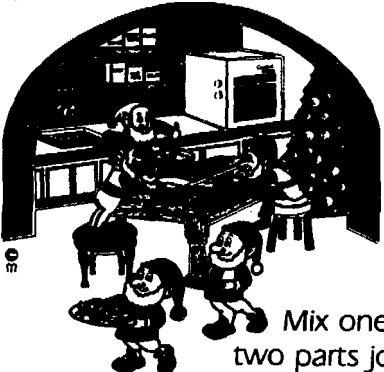
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## HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Left to Right: Dr. Dean, Cory Dean, Dianne Branch, Dr. Aubry, Shawn Denton, Julie Ginther & Christina Lilly.

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## Seasons Blessings

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Happy Holidays!

Lanny, Lynn & The Gang

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## Christmas Never Goes Out of Style

In the spirit of peace and joy, we offer greetings and thanks to each of you.

**Keyport Clinic**  
**Dr. Rosi & Staff**





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by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M.

### THE RESULTS ARE IN...

The American Podiatric Medical Association (APMA) recently released a study on Americans' attitudes about foot care. Some statistics may surprise you. As reported in Podiatry Today, one out of ten Americans says his or her feet hurt "all the time." Sixty percent of adults participate in sports (including aerobics, walking, running, and field/court sports) that hurt their feet. Forty-six percent of American adults spend eight or more hours a day on their feet. By far, the most shocking statistic is that 56 percent of the survey's one thousand respondents believe that foot pain is "normal."

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## State Senate passes revenue sharing bill

Lansing — After three years of struggle, he finally did it: State Senator Glenn Steil, on December 9, guided through the Senate his bill to bring fairness to how the state shares a portion of sales tax receipts with counties, cities, townships and villages.

Steil's revenue sharing reform bill easily passed the Senate on a bipartisan vote of 32 to 6.

Steil's bill overturns the current quarter-century old formula, which was put in place in the early 1970's.

Governor Engler gave his support to the reform bill.

The current formula has long been criticized because it distributes to the city of Detroit 26% of all revenue sharing dollars, even though it has only 10% of the state's population.

For the past quarter century, Michigan's other cities, townships and villages have had to make do with less, until now.

Under Steil's bill, Detroit's funding is capped for the next eight years and all revenue sharing increases are distributed to Michigan's other cities,

townships and villages.

Further, under the Steil bill, Detroit is not immune from revenue sharing funding cuts. Should the state experience a recession, and the total revenue sharing "pot" become smaller, Detroit is not held harmless.

"All along I've sought only one thing — fairness," said Steil, who served as co-chairman of the bipartisan task force on revenue sharing.

"Michigan's other communities have needs that must be met, too. And it's long past due that the Legislature pass a true revenue sharing reform bill that takes into consideration the entire state and not just one city. This bill does that."

## SHERIFF'S REPORT

The following complaints were received by the Crawford County Sheriff's Department from December 14 through 21:

One ambulance request; one smoke/possible fire; two assaults; two burglaries; three property damage; four public peace; one OUI/OUID; 11 health & safety; two miscellaneous crimes; two concerning minors; two runaways; 26 accidents; two traffic safety stops; one false alarm; eight vehicle inspections; one property inspection; two civil/family trouble; one suspicious situation; 28 general non-criminal calls.

A total of 100 complaints were handled by the sheriff's department.

## New 'dollar store' opens

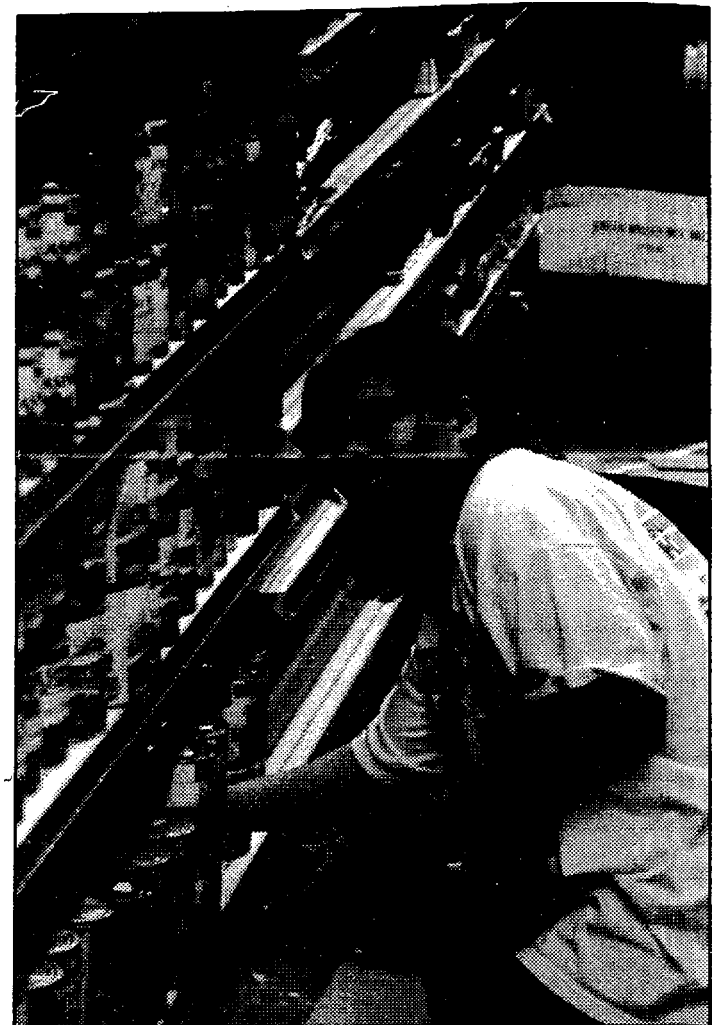


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**OPEN FOR BUSINESS** — Tina Wilkerson stocks the shelves of the recently opened Discount Mart, a "dollar store" type retailer located in the old Grayling Auto Supply building on James Street in Grayling. Nick Yono is the business owner and Julie Hinds is the store manager.

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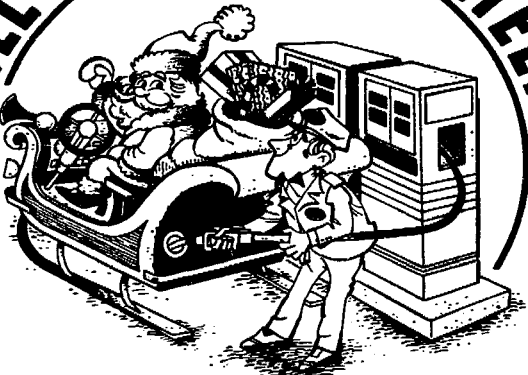
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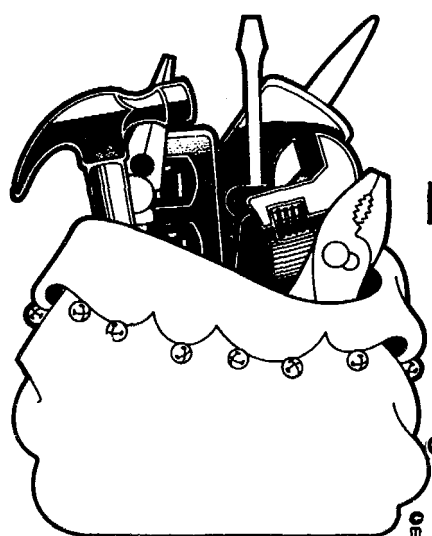
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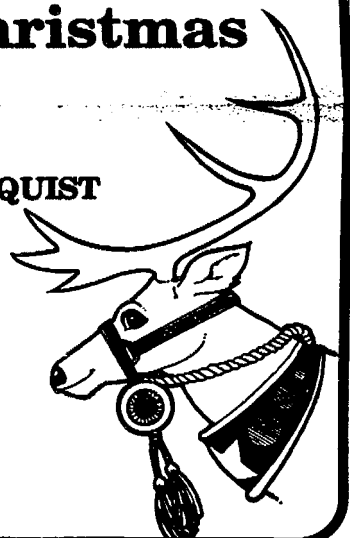
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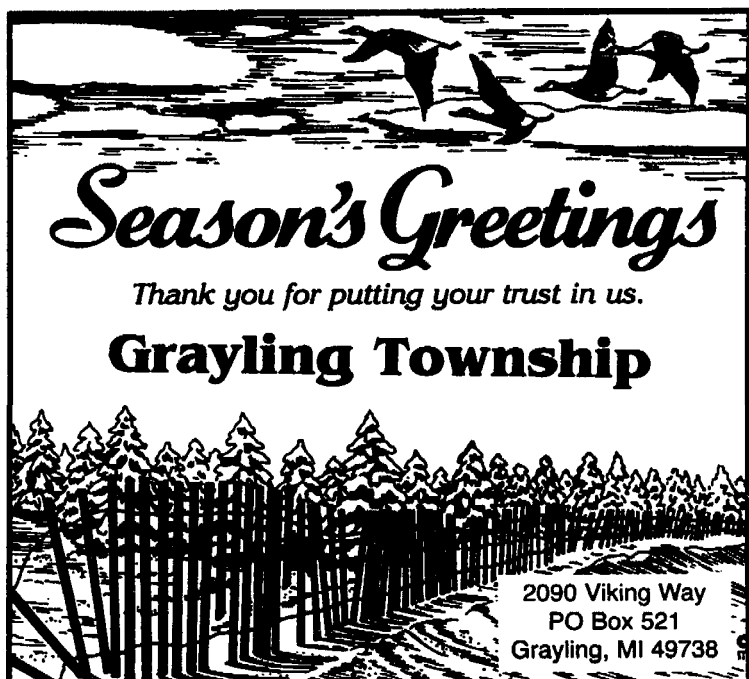
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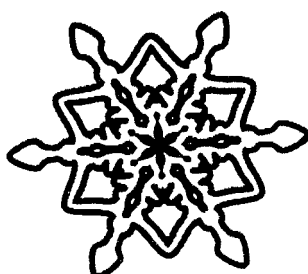
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# Skyline to see changes with new ownership

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

An 18-hole golf course, a year-round restaurant and lounge, and snowboarding are just a few of the many additions coming to Skyline Ski Area, according to new owner Jerry Balmes.

Balmes, a Grayling resident of 15 years, and his wife Vivian took over the ownership of Skyline in November of 1998.

"It officially changed hands on November 13," said Balmes.

Balmes has owned and operated several businesses in the past, including an archery range and an RV store.

He said that he and his wife had thought about buying the ski area for years, having lived adjacent to it for quite some time.

"We thought it could be a happening place again if some changes were made and the facilities updated," said Balmes. "We found out it was for sale, and when that opportunity came up we jumped on it."

"It was a pretty quick deal," he added.

Perhaps the biggest of the changes planned for Skyline is the 18-hole golf course that Balmes said will be built next spring.

He said that high-end housing will be included in the golf course plan, with the subdivision intermingling with the course.

Balmes said that the restaurant, which is big enough to service 200 people, is going to be made into a year-round facility. "We're in the middle of getting a liquor license right now," he said.

Balmes mentioned that in the winter the restaurant will try to draw snowmobilers, since "it's tough to get to a restaurant sometimes when you're snowmobiling," and the Skyline restaurant is easily accessible from a state snowmobile trail.

One of the immediate changes to Skyline Ski Area will be the presence of snowboarders.

"We're going to allow snowboarding this year for the first time,"

said Balmes, "when the snow permits. You need more (snow) for that than you do for downhill skiing."

For next winter Balmes hopes to put in a special area for snowboarding, including one hill devoted especially to "boarding and a regulation half-pipe."

Balmes would also like to put in another chair lift for next year.

As far as what's staying the same, Balmes said he's sticking with many longtime Skyline workers.

"We're going to retain some of the same employees that have been around for years," he said. Specifically, Balmes mentioned that longtime Skyline owner Ernie Nye was going to stay with the organization.

"I think Ernie's going to stick around," said Balmes. "Hopefully people will see him around."

Skyline plans to open for business this week.

"We're going to open Thursday (December 24), Friday at the latest," said Balmes.

Skyline will have 13 runs this winter. The ski area has nine rope tows and a double chair lift.

"They'll all be in operation, they're all ready to go," said Balmes.

"We're all geared up waiting for snow," he said. "Hopefully we'll get as much as they're expecting."

## Fox Run's Koutnik named to golf panel

Robert A. Koutnik, owner and general manager of Fox Run Country Club in Grayling, has been appointed to the Better Golf Institute's Panel of Professional Evaluators.

Along with the appointment, Koutnik has had an accomplished golfing career. He has been a certified PGA Professional for the last nine years and, during that time, has achieved A-1 membership classification in the Michigan PGA Section.

The panel that Koutnik has been named to includes nearly 1,000 PGA Professionals in the continental U.S. and in Hawaii. Also included in the panel are the Top 100 Teaching Professionals, the Top Scientific Professional in the World, and nearly 25 percent of the World's Master Professionals.

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## Lowe receives award for military and veteran issues

A northern Michigan lawmaker is being recognized by the Freedoms Foundation for his outstanding efforts to preserve liberty and assist military veterans.

State Rep. Allen Lowe, R-Grayling, has received the prestigious George Washington Honor Medal from the foundation, based in Valley Forge, Penn.

The 105th District lawmaker was singled out for sponsoring a state constitutional amendment protecting the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund. Voters overwhelmingly approved Proposal C in 1996.

Since its inception in the 1940's,

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Proposal C and other accomplishments impressed foundation judges.

"Your program exemplified the essence of the National Awards program which is to promote, through words or deeds, an understanding and appreciation of responsible citizenship and the benefits of a free

society," said Richard C. Ustick, foundation president, in his congratulatory letter to Lowe.

Elected to the Michigan House in 1992, Lowe served as chair of the House Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs during GOP control. His House career ends on December 31 as term limits take effect.

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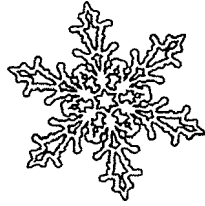


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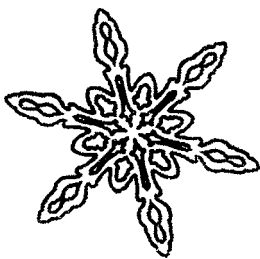


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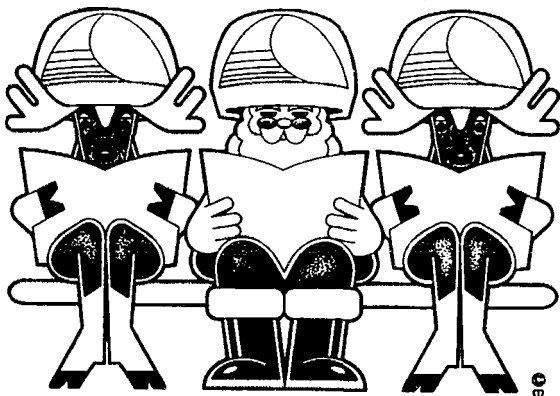
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## Kirtland president announces fall retirement

Dorothy N. Franke, Ph.D., chose the occasion of an annual employee Christmas gathering held on December 16, to announce her retirement as President of Kirtland Community College (KCC), effective September 30, 1999.

Dr. Franke joined Kirtland as President in 1990, following the retirement of then President Raymond Homer.

Franke cited health reasons and a desire to pursue new interests as the

major factors in her decision. "Kirtland has been my family and it was very difficult to even think about leaving, but it is time," said Franke.

The KCC President said she has advised the Board of Trustees of her decision and it is her understanding the Board will appoint an interim president to serve after September 30 and until a national search for a new president is completed.

Franke arrived at Kirtland in July,

1990 after serving as Vice President for Instructional Services of Victory Valley Community College in Victorville, California. She is credited with "turning things around at Kirtland," which at the time was facing a looming financial deficit, employee lay-offs, morale problems, even the possibility of closing its doors.

She made tough personnel decisions involving budget cuts and lay-offs. With the help of dedicated administrators, she eliminated some programs, changed others and championed most, but made sure the institution remained committed to instructional priorities.

In 1991, the energetic president rallied faculty, staff, students and residents in the college's four-county district, and personally led a major successful millage campaign to restore the school's economic health and assure its operations until the year 2000 and beyond.

In 1994, she re-structured the organization, dividing the college

into two divisions: instruction and operations, each overseen by a vice-president. Chairs were established for general and occupational education programs. Personnel policies were updated.

In 1995 she again asked voters for their support, this time to approve a \$4 million bond issue to match state monies to fund a greatly needed \$7.2 million building expansion project, which is now under construction.

Since 1997, she has led the staff and faculty on an extensive self-study program to prepare the college for its examination for re-accreditation by the North Central Association (NCA), a process which takes place every ten years. The NCA review team will arrive at the campus February, 1999.

"She has been an inspiration to us; she has empathy and compassion; she's a leader, a doer, and a friend," said one employee upon hearing Dr. Franke's announcement.

## Hotel/motel management courses offered at Kirtland

Kirtland Community College (KCC) will offer a new one-year 31-credit hour Hospitality Certificate Program with three courses beginning in January at the Alpine Regional Education Center (AREC) in Gaylord.

Dr. Judith Grenkiewicz, Instructor of Business at Kirtland, says the new program was developed in response to the growing demand in Gaylord and northern Michigan for persons in the hospitality field.

Grenkiewicz said upon completion of the new program's core curriculum, the student also receives the American Hotel & Motel Association's Educational Institute's Hospitality Operations Certificate and has several options of pursuing hospitality specialist professions and an Associates Degree.

The first three courses include:

- Introduction to the Hospitality Industry, Mondays, 7-10 p.m., 3-

credit hours, Instructor - Mr. Ben Carr (begins January 18).

- Business Seminar Marketing of Hospitality Services, Wednesdays, 4-7 p.m., 3-credit hours, Instructor - Dr. Judith Grenkiewicz (begins January 20).

- Managing Hospitality Human Resources, Wednesdays, 7-10 p.m., 3-credit hours, Instructor - Dr. Judith Grenkiewicz (begins January 20).

Interested persons should call Kirtland now for an application and tuition information (517) 275-5121, ext. 284.

A special registration for the courses is scheduled in Room 101 at AREC (800 Livingston Blvd., Gaylord) on Wednesday, January 13, from 6-8 p.m.

Persons are urged to call (517) 275-5121, ext. 219, to learn more about KCC's new Hospitality Certificate Program and about getting started in one of America's fastest growing industries.

## Otsego Memorial Hospital names new marketing director

Jan Korthase has been named Marketing Director at Otsego Memorial Hospital (OMH).

Korthase, who has worked in the hospital's marketing department since April 1997, was promoted following a reorganization of the department, and the OMH Foundation.

"We have an aggressive marketing plan in place for 1999 and Jan will be a big part of making our

efforts a success," said OMH Administrator John McLeod.

Korthase has earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from Central Michigan University and has built her career in the fields of journalism, desktop publishing and marketing.

Korthase lives in Boyne City with her husband, Kim, and son, Eli.

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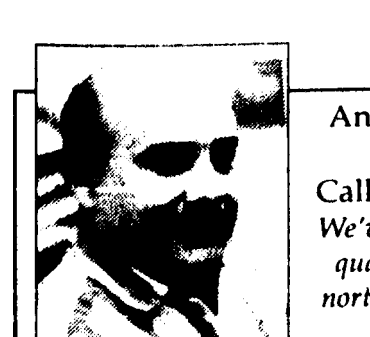
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**You've Got Mail - PG (116)**

Starring - Tom Hanks & Meg Ryan  
• Dec. 25 Fri. 7:15 & 9:30  
• Sat.-Thurs. 2:15, 4:30, 7:15 & 9:30

**A Bug's Life - G (95)**

Voices - Bonnie Hunt & David Hyde  
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• Sat.-Thurs. 2:15, 4:15, 7:15 & 9:15

**Mighty Joe Young - PG (117)**

Starring - Bill Paxton & Charlie Theron  
• Dec. 25 Fri. 7 & 9:15  
• Sat.-Thurs. 2, 4:15, 7 & 9:15

**Patch Adams - PG-13 (115)**

Starring - Robin Williams  
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**Stepmom - PG-13 (124)**

Starring - Julia Roberts, Susan Sarandon & Ed Harris  
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### Gaylord Cinema Downtown

**The Prince of Egypt - PG (99)**

Voices - Val Kilmer, Ralph Fiennes & Michele Pfeiffer  
• Dec. 25 Fri. 7 & 9  
• Sat.-Thurs. 2, 4, 7 & 9

**The Faculty - R (101)**

Starring - Robert Patrick & Elijah Wood  
• Dec. 25 Fri. 7 & 9  
• Sat.-Thurs. 2, 4, 7 & 9

**Jack Frost - PG (96)**

Starring - Michael Keaton & Kelly Preston  
• Dec. 25 Fri. 7  
• Sat.-Thurs. 2 & 7

**Enemy of the State - R (130)**

Starring - Will Smith & Gene Hackman  
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### Brock McClanahan

Brock McClanahan, 43, of Grayling, passed away at his residence on December 19, 1998.

Brock was the son of Ray and Treva (Hufnagle) McClanahan, born on June 7, 1955 in Angola, Indiana. On July 4, 1980 he married Nancy (Elkins) McClanahan on Mackinac Island. He has lived in Grayling for the past 14 years, moving from Fremont, Indiana. Brock worked for 25 years as a builder in Angola, Indiana and Grayling with 10 years as B&B General Contractors in Grayling.

He is survived by his parents Ray and Treva McClanahan; wife, Nancy McClanahan; two daughters, Misty McClanahan and Danielle McClanahan; one son, Brock McClanahan; and one grandson, Tyler McClanahan, all of Grayling. Also survived by two brothers, Lavon (Karen) McClanahan of Fremont, Indiana, and Barry (Marilyn) McClanahan of Grayling; one sister, Kathy Roddy of Fremont, Indiana; and nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, December 22, 1998 at the Grayling Assembly of God with Reverend Todd McLane of The Faith Assembly of God in Olivet officiating. Funeral services were also held on Wednesday, December 23, 1998 at the New Life Worship Center in Angola, Indiana. Burial was at the Fremont Cemetery in Fremont, Indiana.

The family suggests memorials to the Crawford County Chapter of the American Cancer Society for Research.

Arrangements were made by the Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel in Grayling.

### Virginia Blanchard

Virginia Cecile Blanchard, 82, of Flint died Sunday, December 13, 1998 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills.

Virginia was born on December

18, 1915 in Grayling, the daughter of Daniel and Jennie (Blondin) Hoesli. She attended school in Grayling before moving to Flint to attend Baker Business School. Virginia was married to William George Blanchard for 63 years. He preceded her in death one year ago.

Survivors include: son, William Arthur Blanchard of Flint; daughter, Jean Algie Reed and husband Billy Ross of Grand Blanc; grandchildren, Pamela Sue Spencer of Grand Blanc, Billy Ross Reed Jr. and wife Shelley of Dyersburg, Tennessee and Lisa Ann Semenkowski and husband Christopher of Royal Oak; great grandchildren, Matthew Ross Spencer, Melissa Ann Spencer of Grand Blanc, Morgan Michelle Reed of Dyersburg, Tennessee; sister, Nancy Kleekamp and husband Herbert of Saginaw, and many nieces and nephews.

Virginia was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers and one sister.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, December 17 at Brown Funeral Home in Flint with Fr. Fred Hoesli officiating. Entombment followed at Glenwood Cemetery.

### Barbara J. St. John

Barbara J. St. John, 66, of Gaylord and formerly of Frederic, passed away on December 15, 1998 at Otsego Memorial Hospital in Gaylord.

She was born in Jackson on August 19, 1932 to Joseph and Bessie (King) Peterson.

Mrs. St. John moved to Gaylord five and one half years ago from Frederic, where she had lived for 23 years. She was a prior resident of Jackson.

For 18 years, she was employed as a desk clerk at Mercy Hospital in Grayling. Prior to moving to Frederic, she was employed at Sparton Electronics in Jackson.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul A. St. John, in 1992, and her parents.

She is survived by sons Lawrence (Betty) of Jackson, Joseph (Krystal) of Gaylord; stepsons Jim, Paul, and Alonzo, all of Jackson; stepdaughters Judy Palon and Ruth Ann Yinger of Florida; sister Phyllis Jerrell of Michigan Center and grandchildren Joseph and Brianne St. John of Gaylord.

Funeral services were held at Sorenson Funeral Home on Friday, December 18, with Elder Patricia Fowler and Elder Lacey Stephan, Jr., and burial was at Oakwood Cemetery in Frederic Township.

The family suggests memorial donations be directed to the American Heart Association.

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A golden heart stopped beating, hard-working hands put to rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us he only takes the best.

We love you and miss you!

Love,

Michelle and Callie  
and your whole family

### Jerry A. Plutko

Jerry A. Plutko, 39, of Frederic, passed away on December 16, 1998 at Mercy Hospital in Grayling.

He was born in Detroit on April 11, 1959 to Albert C. Plutko and Goldie (Erdelyi) Batten.

Mr. Plutko resided in Frederic for the past 13 years and had been a resident of Grayling for six years prior to moving to Frederic. He was a rural route mail carrier for the U.S. Postal Service in Grayling. He was a member of Eagles Aerie 3433, Grayling.

He was preceded in death by his father, Albert C. Plutko.

Survivors include: his mother, Goldie E. Batten of Frederic; two daughters, Brandy Plutko and Shannon Plutko of Frederic; two sisters, JoAnne (Wallace) Frazier of Lewisburg, Tennessee, and Janet (David) Manning of Lincoln Park; and friend Robin McMenis of Kalkaska.

Funeral Services were held on December 20, 1998 at Sorenson Funeral Home with the Reverend Dr. Robert Barnett officiating. Burial was at the Oakwood Cemetery in Frederic.

Arrangements were made by the Sorenson Funeral Home, Inc., McEvers Chapel.

### Lorna LaMotte

Lorna LaMotte, 61, of Grayling died on December 22, 1998 at Mercy Hospital in Grayling.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, December 26, 1998, 3 p.m., at Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel. Visitation will be on Friday, December 25, 1998 from noon to 3 p.m.

A full obituary will appear in next week's Avalanche.

## MILITARY NEWS



JET SET - Newly promoted Staff Sgt. John M. Lamie stands with an A-10 aircraft at Moody Air Force Base in Georgia.

### Staff Sgt. John M. Lamie

During a recent promotion ceremony conducted at the Non-Commissioned Officer's Club on Moody Air Force Base in Georgia, John M. Lamie was promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant.

Lamie has spent eight years in the U.S. Air Force with assignments connected to the Lakenheath RAF, England; temporary duty assignments to: Turkey, Italy, Saudi Arabia, and Kuwait; and his last permanent assignment was to Cannon Air Force Base in New Mexico.

As a Crew Chief to F-111 series aircraft and now the A-10, Staff Sgt. Lamie has participated in numerous exercises and competitions.

Lamie is a 1990 graduate of

Grayling High School and married to Claudine (Allen) Lamie. They reside in Hahira, Georgia with their two daughters.

### Seaman Michael P. Hettinger

Navy Seaman Apprentice Michael P. Hettinger, son of Michael P. Hettinger, Sr. of Grayling, was recently selected as Bluejacket of the Quarter aboard the guided missile cruiser, the USS Yorktown, homeported in Pascagoula, Miss.

Hettinger was chosen as the top performer from among all the sailors assigned to the command and was cited for outstanding professional accomplishment, proficiency, leadership, initiative and military bearing.

The 1997 graduate of Kinston

High School in Kinston, Ala., joined the Navy in June, 1997.

### PO3 Heather L. Barton

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Heather L. Barton, daughter of Marv and Colleen Hewson of Roscommon, recently reported for duty aboard the aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis, homeported in San Diego.

Barton's rotation to a new duty station exemplifies the worldwide assignability of Marines and Sailors. This flexibility allows our naval forces to protect U.S. national interests around the world while providing a visible deterrent for regional conflicts.

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# MADD invites students to enter state contest

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), Michigan is seeking entries for its annual youth arts contest open to students in elementary through high school.

Students can use their talents and abilities in four different contest categories: poster, essay, black-and-white photography, and video Public Service Announcements (PSA).

The MADD contest student entry deadline is January 29, 1999.

MADD created the contest with several goals in mind, but the main objective is to reach out to young people. It provides youth with a vehicle to express their concerns about the dangers of underage drinking and driving in a creative way.

Young people are given the options of designing a poster, writing an essay, producing a video PSA or taking a black-and-white photograph. Each method gives young people a voice to not only express their individual thoughts but communicate their message to others.

The 1999 MADD contest theme is "Strong Enough to Say No."

"This year's theme points out a way young people can resist underage drinking and also avoid the dangers of drinking and driving. The contest provides adults a tool for creating a dialogue that will help prepare young people to act in their own safest and best interest," said Kenneth LaSalle, Ph.D., executive director of MADD, Michigan.

Auto crashes are the number one killer of young people in America — and about half of those are alcohol-related. In all 50 states the minimum drinking age is 21 and yet, in 1997 alone, 2,209 people between

the ages of 15-20 died in alcohol-related crashes.

In Michigan in 1996 in that age group, 38 percent of the fatal traffic crashes involved alcohol (95 of the total 250 deaths).

The MADD contest can help educate students and their families and peers about the tragedy of drunk driving and how these deaths and injuries can be prevented.

MADD started the contest in the mid-1980's as a way to engage young people in a solution to a problem that had dire impact on them, their friends and families, school, and community.

Schools and other organizations

are encouraged to enter their local MADD chapter contest whenever possible. If there is no local contest, entries may be sent directly to the MADD, Michigan State Office for the qualifying Individual Contest.

First place winners from the open statewide competition and the local MADD chapter contests advance into the state final. The State Contest judging is March 10, 1999.

Students can enter any or all categories: the poster competition is open to students in grades 1-12; the essay competition, to students in grades 4-12; and B/W photography and video PSA are open to students

in grades 7-12. All entries are judged within appropriate grade divisions.

The State competition awards cash and/or bond prizes: state first place, high school, \$200; junior high, \$150; and elementary, \$100. Other top placing entries to the state contest will receive a MADD certificate of achievement.

To obtain an official 1999 MADD Poster/Essay Contest Entry form and rules, contact a local MADD county chapter or the MADD, Michigan State Office, 910 Eastlawn, Midland, MI 48642; fax (517) 631-8813; or call (517) 631-MADD.

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**RAIL REPAIR** — National Signal workers Mike Baker of Oscoda and Randy Greanya of Homer add new dirt and replace railroad ties during a Lake State Rails' project to repair a sidetrack in Grayling. Work has also begun at the crossing in front of the Crawford County Courthouse Building.

## MERCY BIRTHS

Randy Pittman and Lori McClain of Grayling announce the arrival of Hailey Ann Pittman born December 17, 1998.

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Matthew Lantz and Angela Ashbrook of Mio announce the arrival of Meridith Lea Lantz born December 10, 1998.

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Arthur and Rebecca Kerle of Grayling announce the arrival of Kristen Elizabeth Kerle born December 11, 1998.

## BIRTHS

Keith and Irene Denton of Chippewa Lake, Ohio, announce the birth of Joshua Allen, born November 21, 1998 at the Medina General Hospital, Medina, Ohio, weighing 5 lbs. 14 oz. and measuring 18 inches long.

He is welcomed by his 16-year old sister, Jessica Wise; grandparents Charles and Bernadine Denton of Grayling, Neil and Janet Berry of Onaway.

His aunts are Dee Ashworth of Grayling, Kari Hendrix of Sherwood, and Linda Sherwood of Lake City and his uncle is Charles Denton III of Leesville, Louisiana.

## HONORS

Baker College of Owosso has awarded an Associate Degree in Applied Science to Michael S. Love of Grayling. He is a recent graduate from the Vehicle Design Technology program and plans on furthering his education.

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The family of Betty McFarlane

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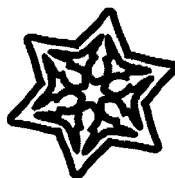
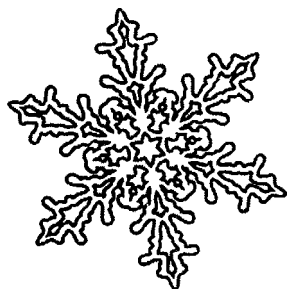
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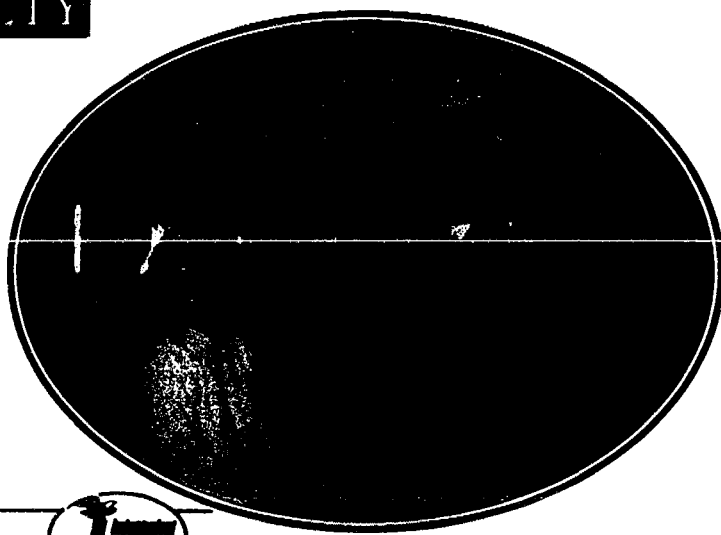
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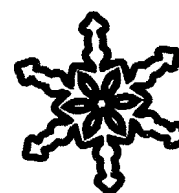
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With the help of the doctor, to get on the table.*

*The doctor was gentle. Without fuss or tussle  
He examined the vertebrae and relaxed the muscles.  
He spotted trouble, and then with a click,  
Started aligning the ailing St. Nick.*

*And Santa felt aches and pains slipping away.  
In no time at all he began feeling gay.  
His cheeks were rosy with a new found glow,  
And a healthy Kris Kringle was rarin' to go.*

*As he went out the door, he threw the receptionist a kiss.  
Why, it had been centuries since he'd felt good as this!  
Then once more he shouldered the bagful of toys,  
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**FROM THE STAFF AT THE  
Grayling Chiropractic Clinic**

Dr. Dami and Staff







# NOTES NORTHERN

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## Kirtland begins work on expansion program

Kirtland Community College's (KCC) \$7.2 million building expansion program is currently in full swing. The construction began this fall and is on schedule.

The expansion program encountered a slight setback earlier in the year when the first set of bids were rejected. Kirtland re-bid the three-phase construction project after determining that all the bids were too high.

After going through a second bidding process the college awarded the bids and construction has begun.

The expansion program itself involves adding on to the Administration Building, building a new Arts/Maintenance facility and putting a new addition on the Academic Building.

Over 10,000 square feet of the Administration Building is being remodeled, and another 11,822 square feet is being added to the existing structure.

The expansion will add four computer classrooms and create more space for the testing center, the criminal justice program, developmental studies and computer lab.

The Kirtland law enforcement program, which currently operates off-campus, would be able to work on-campus following completion of the construction.

Work on the Academic Building will add 17,732 square feet of new structure and remodel almost 6,000 square feet of the existing building.

The construction involves attaching a two-story addition onto the existing one-story facility. The building will be equipped with ADA restrooms and wheelchair access, and more space will be created for the nursing lab, allied health lab and tutoring area. Four modern science labs will also be built.

Kirtland's Art/Maintenance

Building project will result in the construction of a new 23,912 square foot structure.

The "maintenance" portion of the building will contain a shop, warehouse, storage facilities and a loading dock. The building will have space for all of Kirtland's art programs, and includes the construction of a printshop.

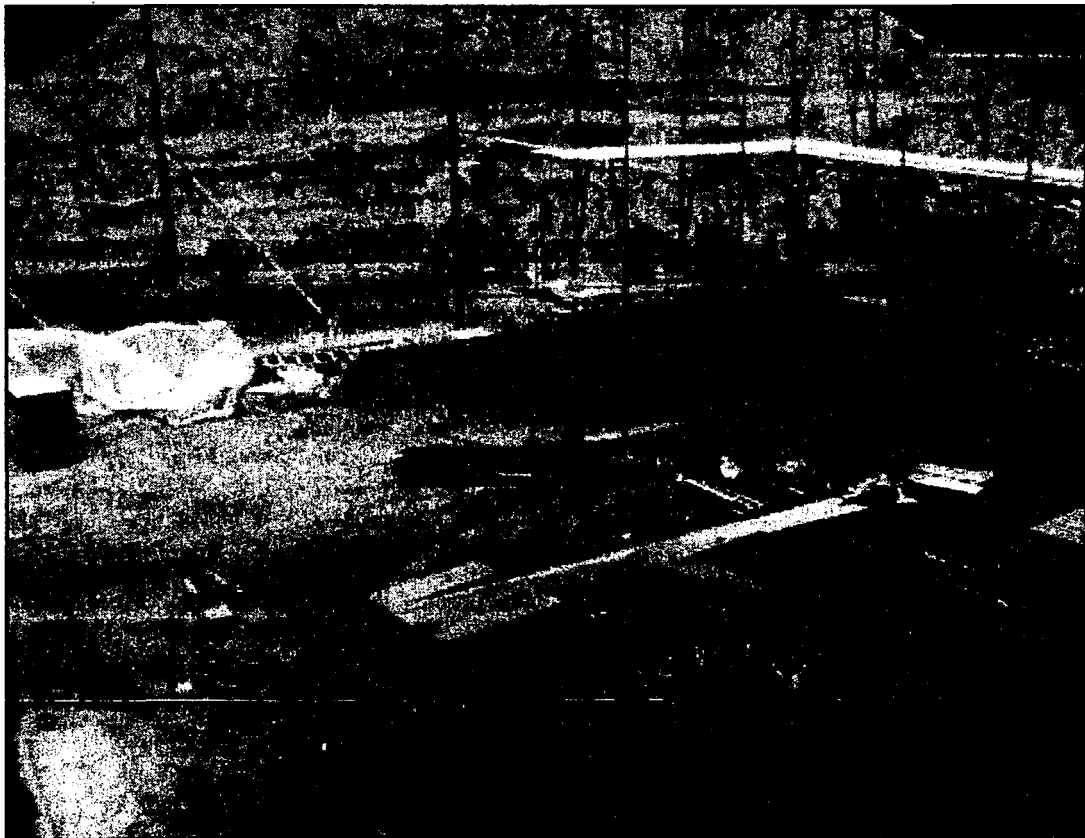
The Art/Maintenance Building restrooms will be built according to ADA specifications.

The project as a whole is expected to cost \$7,234,000. The bulk of the funding is coming from two sources: a State Building Authority grant for \$3.6 million and a \$3.6 million KCC bond issue, which the taxpayers voted to approve in October of 1995.

The last time Kirtland made a major construction addition was in the 1980's, and the last serious remodeling project took place about five years ago.

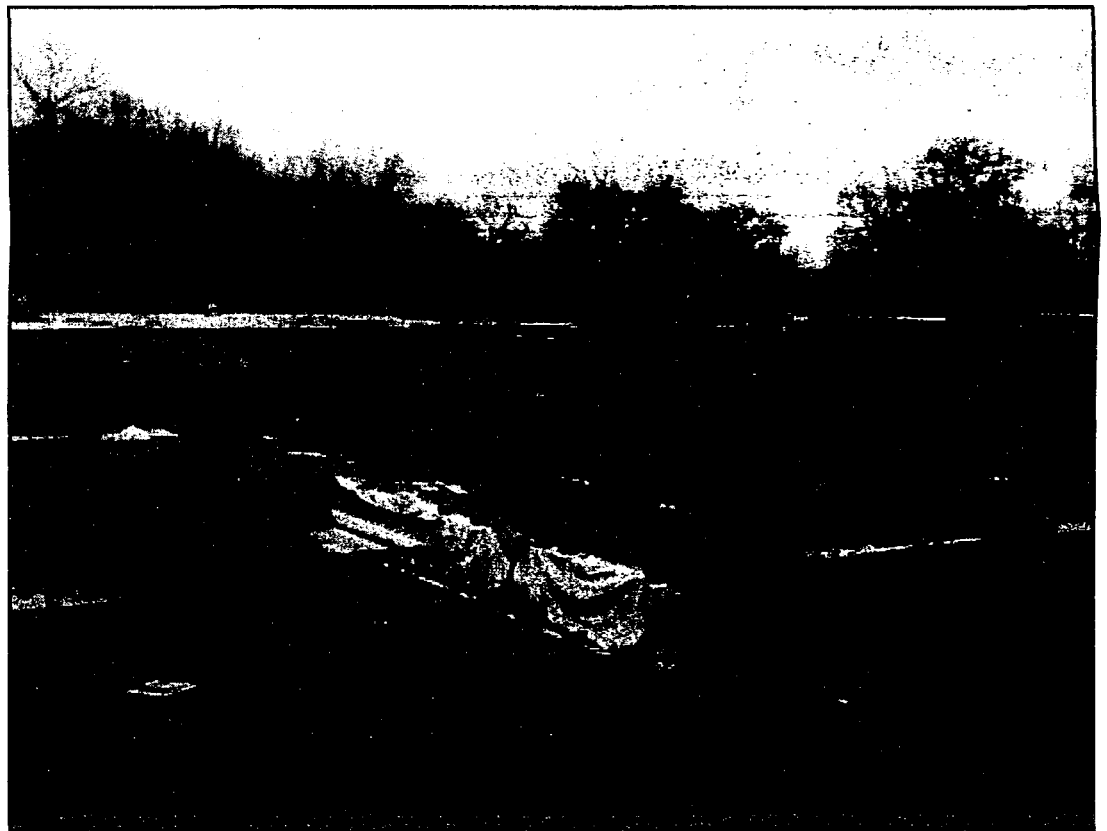


**BLUEPRINTS** -- Construction Manager Dan Parker and KCC President Dorothy Franke check out some of the expansion program blueprints. Over 50,000 square feet of new building space is being added to the college.



Photos by Linda Golnick

**HEAVY MACHINERY** -- An addition to the KCC Administration Building will create over 11,000 square feet for the criminal justice program, a testing center and expanded computer lab space.



**PROJECT: ACADEMIC BUILDING** -- This addition to the Academic Building includes a sizeable portion for a new nursing lab. Improvements to the Academic Building will also create four science labs and an allied health lab.



**NEW CRIME LAB** -- Workers labor away on a corner of the new crime lab addition. New construction will allow Kirtland's criminal justice program to operate on campus rather than off, as it currently does.



**BRAND NEW BUILDING** -- This site will house Kirtland's new Arts/Maintenance Building. The building will have a loading dock and a warehouse in addition to a printshop for the Kirtland art program.

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# Varsity Vikings come from behind to beat Braves

by Caleb Casey  
 Staff Writer

The Grayling High School Varsity Boys Basketball Team had to come from behind to beat the visiting Tawas Braves on Friday, December 18, winning by a final score of 84-68.

Viking fans witnessed a 31-point turnaround as Grayling went from being down by as much as 15 to winning the game by 16.

The Vikes struggled early, committing turnovers and missing shots. Tawas' offense shot well in the first period, and took a 23-10

lead over the Vikings.

In the second period Grayling's defense started to fire up, registering steals, deflections and blocked shots.

The GHS offense, aided by steals and scoring opportunities from forced Tawas turnovers, also started to get rolling.

Nate Hinkle started the second quarter scoring with a three point play, followed later by a shot from downtown, cutting the Tawas lead to 23-16.

Grayling continued to hold off the Tawas offense, and soon tied the game at 27-27 on another three-point by Hinkle.

Grayling went into the locker room at halftime down by one point, 36-37.

After Hinkle opened the third period scoring with a two-point bucket, Tawas went on a 5-0 scoring run to go up 42-28.

Grayling then countered by scoring 11 unanswered points, including three free throws by Brad Ritter, a three-pointer by Nate Beckwith and a shot inside by Eli Tobin after a nice pass from Hinkle.

Grayling finished the third quarter scoring with another triple by Beckwith and a bucket down low by Ritter to take a 10 point lead into the fourth, 54-44.

With 5:47 left in the game Tawas started a three-point shootout of sorts by burying one from the perimeter, cutting the Grayling lead to six, 59-53.

Beckwith then answered to put Grayling back up by nine. Tawas later connected on another triple to put the score at 64-56 in Grayling's favor.

Hinkle hit four out of four free throws on two trips to the line to put Grayling up by 12, and then Tawas hit its third triple of the quarter to pull within nine.

Hinkle answered that with a three-pointer of his own. At the

3:38 mark Beckwith dumped in another one from downtown, and Hinkle tossed in yet another three-point bucket to put Grayling up by 18, 77-59.

At that point the game was more or less out of reach for the visiting Braves, despite hitting their free throws and connecting on shots from three-point land down the stretch.

GHS finished the scoring with a nice drive to the hole by Tobin, a two-pointer by Dave Hawkins and then a pair of free throws by Tobin. Grayling won by 16, 84-68.

"We really struggled early," said Coach Rich Moffit. "We committed eight turnovers which led to 13 Tawas points."

"We had guys in foul trouble in the second quarter, but our kids turned it on at both ends of the court," continued Moffit. "We only committed six turnovers over three quarters, out-rebounded our oppo-

nent by 15, and we were unselfish at the offensive end of the court."

Hinkle led the overall scoring effort with 27 points. Beckwith put in 20 points, and Tobin scored 12.

Hawkins had a good game under the basket, finishing the game with a double-double: 10 points and 12 rebounds.

Hinkle led the defense in steals with six.

On Tuesday, December 15, the Vikings traveled to Gladwin to take on the Flying G's. Grayling came out of the high-scoring game on the downside of a 90-82 score.

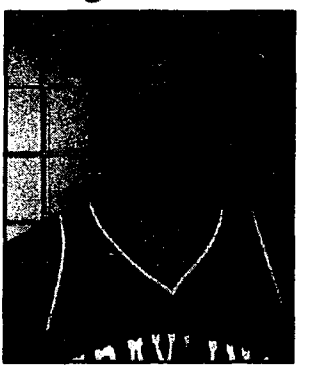
"We really struggled at the free throw line," said Coach Moffit. "We made 18 of 39. Gladwin shot the eyes out of the ball at 66 percent."

Hinkle was the high scorer with 31 points. Hawkins put in 19, and Tobin scored 12.

Grayling's next game will be against Pinconning on January 5.

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Varsity Boys Basketball  
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**BRAD RITTER**

"A class act on and off the court," said Coach Rich Moffit. "Brad played a solid game versus Tawas on Friday."



**ON OFFENSE --** Nate Hinkle dribbles the ball down the court, moving past a Gladwin defender.

## JV basketball beats Tawas by 17

by Caleb Casey  
 Staff Writer

The Grayling High School JV Boys Basketball Team beat the visiting Tawas Braves on Friday, December 18, by a score of 74-57.

Grayling's offense got off to a slow start in the opening quarter, but kept the score close with good defense and rebounding.

Turnovers hurt the Vikings in the first period, costing them offensive opportunities.

Grayling was called for several fouls, and most of Tawas' first quarter points (eight out of 14) were scored on free throws.

The score was tied after one quarter of play, 14-14.

Grayling's offense heated up in the second period, scoring 35 points in the quarter.

For the first couple minutes of the period Tawas kept the game close. With the score at 20-19 in Grayling's favor, the Vikings went on a 9-0 scoring run, which included buckets by Ryan Mahaffy, Chris Youngblood and a three-pointer by Marcus Bobenmoyer.

Grayling's aggressive defense continued to result in free throw attempts for Tawas, but stifled the Braves offensive efforts from the floor.

Mahaffy finished the first half

scoring with a jumper to put Grayling up 49-26 at halftime.

Turnovers plagued the Vikings in the third quarter, but Tawas failed to gain any real offensive momentum.

Despite scoring only five points in the quarter, Grayling still took a solid 14 point lead into the final period.

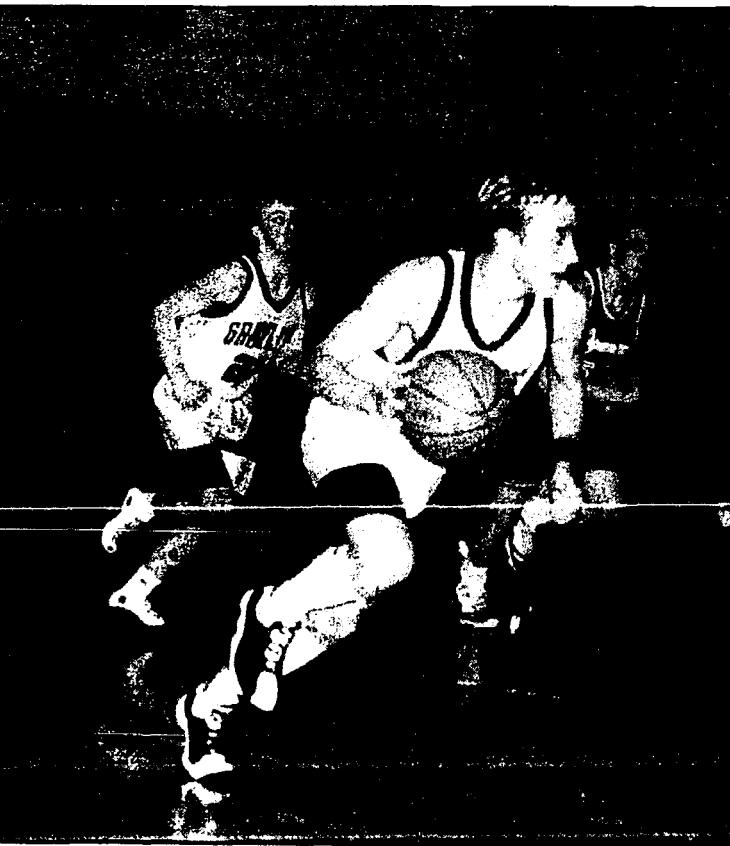
Both teams played well offensively in the fourth, and Tawas was unable to gain any ground on the Viking lead.

Grayling ended up winning by 17, 74-57.

The scoring for Grayling was evenly distributed, with five players reaching double digits.

Mahaffy finished with the most points at 16. Bobenmoyer scored 13 points, and Justin Neuberger, Brad Gorski and Youngblood each scored 12. Levi Burkett had nine points for the Vikes.

Grayling's next home game will be on Tuesday, January 5, against Pinconning.



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**RUN AND GUN --** Brad Gorski pushes the ball up the floor against West Branch Ogemaw Heights.

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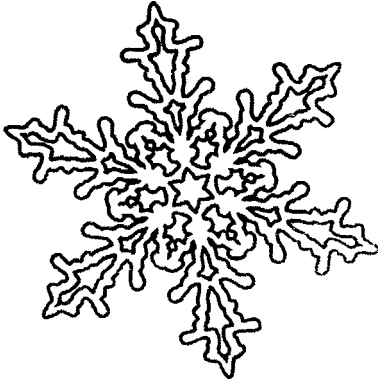
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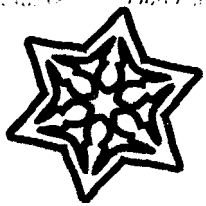
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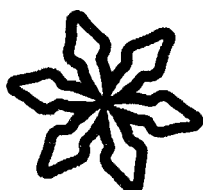
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## Varsity Girls Volleyball wins season opener

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

The GHS Varsity Girls Volleyball Team won its season opener at home against the Flying G's of Gladwin on Wednesday, December 16, by winning a best of three series.

In game one Grayling got off to a shaky start, going down 1-6 early in the match, but fought back strong to take a 15-7 win.

GHS had trouble handling Gladwin's serves for the first few points, and went down by five early. The Vikings then went on a 12-0 scoring run to put the score at 13-6.

Gladwin scored a point. Grayling regained the serve, and the Vikings scored a quick two points to seal the 15-7 win.

In the second match GHS came out on the other end of a 15-7 score, losing to Gladwin after the G's scored 12 unan-

served points.

With Melanie Paxton serving, the Vikings fought back to score six, putting the score at 7-13. Grayling's front line played well, but couldn't quite mount enough of a comeback to win.

The rubber match was a much more evenly played contest, with numerous ties and lead changes.

Towards the end of the match Grayling went up 12-11 on a kill by Mika Sumner. Gladwin then regained the serve and scored a point to tie the game.

With the rubber match on the line, Grayling won the serve back and scored three straight points behind the serving of Mandy Trudgeon to take the victory.

Grayling's next game will be on Wednesday, January 6, in the form of a road trip to Pinconning.



**VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TEAM** -- (front row, left to right) Carrie Cadeau, Mandy Trudgeon, Amanda Johns. (middle row, left to right) Kristy Hulbert, Mika Sumner, Arica Wolcott, Kathy Wyman. (back row, left to right) Coach Brian Banda, Brandy Ritter, Melanie Paxton, Jenny Phillips, Lindsey Voelker.

## JV Volleyball kicks off '98-99 season with a win

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

The GHS JV Girls Volleyball Team won its '98-99 season opener on Monday, December 14, beating the West Branch Ogemaw Heights Falcons.

The Grayling girls lost the first two matches, but fought back to win the next three to take the victory. The scores were 8-15, 13-15, 15-11, 15-12 and 15-4.

"We lost the first two games, and then the ladies rallied to win the next three

in a row," said Coach Donna Boughner. "Outstanding players were Danielle Niederer with her passing skills. Tab Harney was a leader in serves, and Lori Hinkle topped the kill column."

"This was an early game and the girls were very nervous," said Coach Boughner. "After the 'butterflies' were out, they played very well."

The girls' next series will be on Monday, January 4, at home.



Team photos by Linda Golnick

**JV VOLLEYBALL** -- (front row, left to right) Kirkie Meyer, Danielle Niederer. (middle row, left to right) Candace Conley, Ashley Wolcott, Jamie Dent, Krisi Wargo. (back row, left to right) Coach Donna Boughner, Gina Thompson, Ashley Cox, Lori Hinkle, Michelle Salyers, Tabitha Harney, Emily Fox.

## 4-H Hockey set to begin

The Roscommon Area Hockey Association (RAHA) met on December 15, 1998 to plan the 1999 Youth Hockey Season.

Members of the association are working on preparing the ice surface, and many people volunteered to serve on committees to organize the league, and to make the ice rink ready for play.

At the meeting, the association held elections. The new officers are President, Bill Carey; Vice President, Jerry Brabant; Treasurer, Vickie Hart; Secretary, Fran Gulick; and Youth Representative, Jason McCans. The officers are planning to meet in the near future to develop a set of by-laws for the organization, and to set some goals for the organization.

The association will be preparing the ice surface for hockey this winter, and are inviting youth in Roscommon County and surround-

ing areas to participate in the hockey program. The 1999 Youth Hockey program will be available to all youth between 5 and 17 years of age.

Participant registrations will be handled by the MSU-Extension Office, which is located in the Roscommon County Courthouse, in Roscommon.

Registration fees for 1999 will be \$50 per participant, and financial assistance scholarships will be made available through the MSU-Extension office.

To register for the 1999 4-H Youth Hockey Program, contact the MSU-Extension Office at (517) 275-5043, and a registration form will be mailed to you.

You may also call the MSU-Extension Office if you have any questions about the Hockey Program, or other recreation opportunities in Roscommon County.

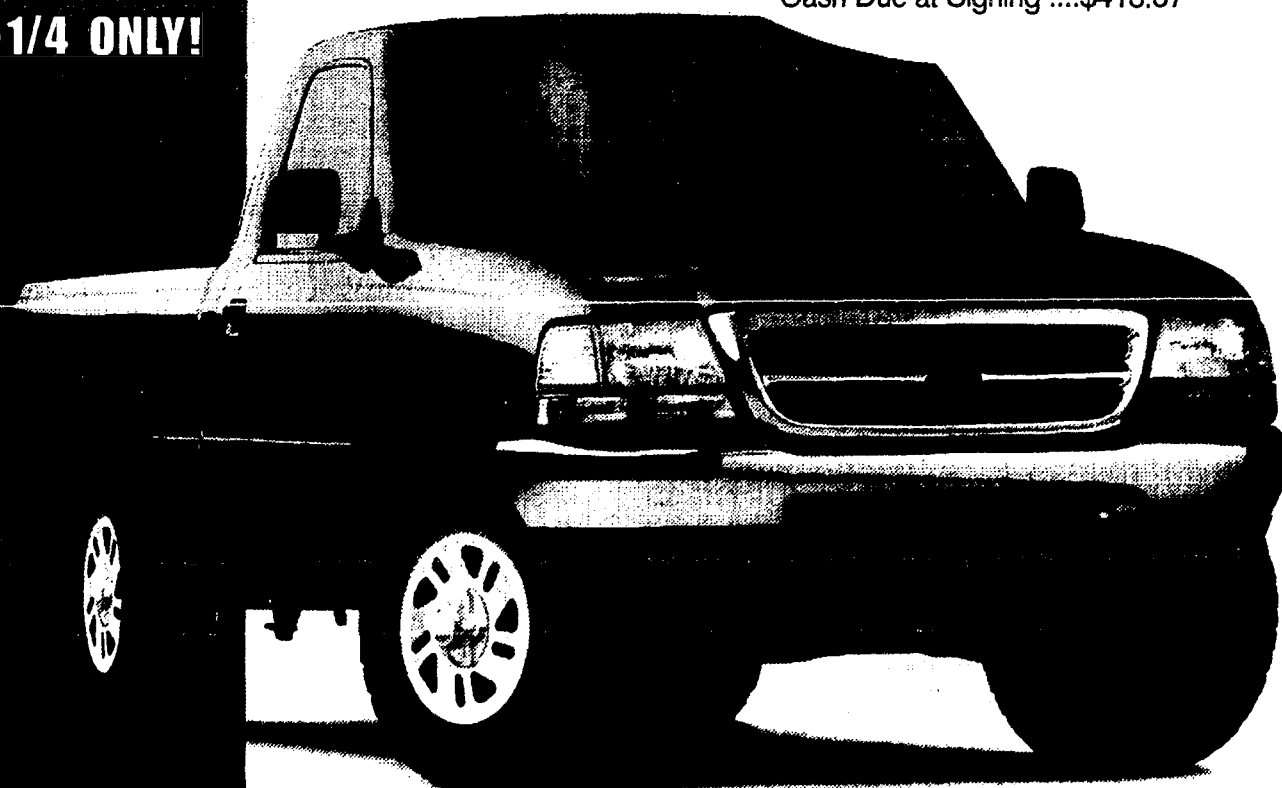
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## Freshmen Basketball edges Gladwin, beats Ogemaw

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

The Freshmen Boys Basketball Team won its home opener against the Gladwin Flying G's on Thursday, December 17, by a final score of 67-65.

The Vikings didn't get off to the best of starts, going down 0-9 early in the first period. Gladwin applied strong defensive pressure and played well under the basket. Early turnovers also hurt the Vikings.

Grayling was able to stay even with the G's for the last half of the first quarter, but couldn't make up for the early deficit. Gladwin led 18-10 after one period.

GHS opened the second quarter with buckets by Ryan Stahl and Larry Baynham to cut the Gladwin lead to four. Grayling started to beat Gladwin's full court pressure with deep passes for on-the-run lay-ups.

Gladwin continued to play strong underneath, scoring high percentage shots from near the basket and getting rebounds on missed shots.

The Grayling team kept itself in the game with hustle and aggressive play on defense, and eventually whittled the Gladwin lead down to three. Stahl converted on a three-point play opportunity just before the halftime buzzer to put the score at 32-35 in Gladwin's favor.

The Vikings came out of the locker room fired up, getting steals and forcing Gladwin to turn the ball over with solid defensive pressure.

Baynham scored the first bucket of the quarter to bring Grayling within one. Gladwin scored from inside to put the lead back at three, and then Stahl scored to cut the lead back down to one.

The Vikings forced a turnover, and Mike Hale scored underneath to give Grayling its first lead of the game, 38-37.

R.J. Schmidt kept the momentum in Grayling's favor with a two-point shot to put GHS up by three, 40-37.

The two teams proceeded to trade lead changes for the next few minutes of the period. Gladwin later took a four point lead with a three-point bucket, 48-44.

Near the end of the quarter Chet



**FRESHMEN BASKETBALL** -- (front row, left to right) R.J. Schmidt, Ryan Mirate, Nick D'Amour, Chet Wheeler. (middle row, left to right) Scott Latusek, Mike Hale, Wes Fox, Larry Baynham, Marvin Forbes. (back row, left to right) Brandon Gorr, Ryan Stahl, Justin Schreiber, Ricky Riggs, Nate Frankina, Coach Duane VanDrese.

Wheeler sank a three-pointer to tie the game at 48-48.

Gladwin scored a two-point bucket and a free throw to round out the third, taking a three point lead into the final quarter.

After Gladwin hit the first basket of the fourth period Grayling scored 14 unanswered points to take a nine point lead, 62-53. The scoring run included three-point buckets by Baynham and Schmidt.

With 26 seconds left in the game Gladwin started to battle back, hitting a three-pointer to put the score at 65-62 in Grayling's favor.

Gladwin was forced to foul on Grayling's next possession, and Hale converted both to put Grayling up 67-62.

With under ten seconds left in the game Gladwin hit a three-pointer, but Grayling managed to kill the last couple seconds to hold on to the victory, 67-65.

Schmidt led the team in scoring with 16 points. Stahl and Baynham were right behind him with 15 points. Brandon Gorr dumped in 12.

"We were down 9-0 early and trailed until the third quarter," said Coach Duane VanDrese. "We made some adjustments at halftime, and

played excellent defense in the second half."

"It was a great defensive effort by our kids," he said. "R.J. Schmidt's consistency really benefitted us."

On Monday, December 14, the Freshmen Boys Basketball Team opened its '98-99 season with a victory over West Branch Ogemaw Heights. The game was played in West Branch.

"We came out flat, but the kids really turned the game around defensively," said Coach VanDrese. "Our trapping affected Ogemaw's guards and we were able to get out and run the floor. It was a good effort for the first game."

Grayling topped Ogemaw by a final score of 56-27.

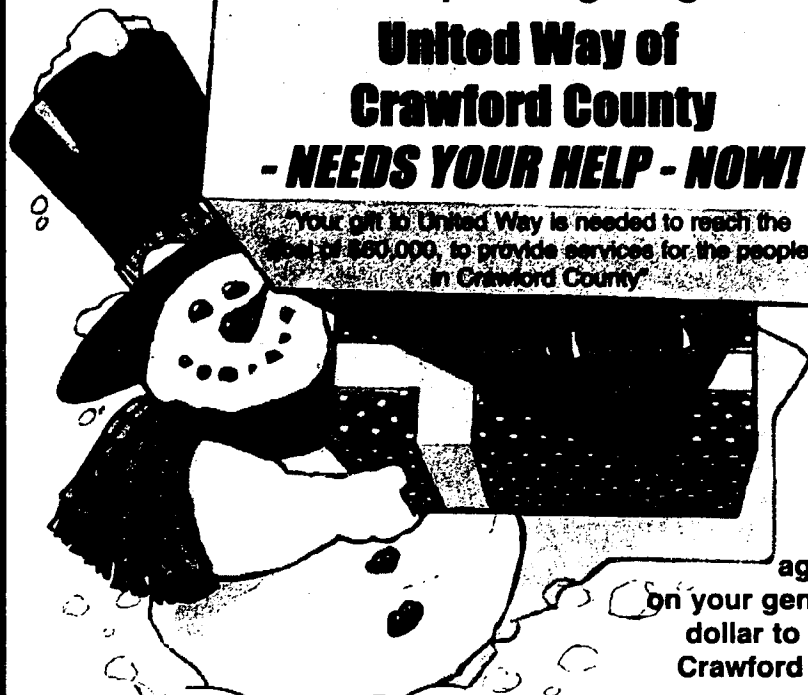
Schmidt led the scoring with 18.

The team's next game will be at Tawas on Monday, January 4.

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#### Heritage Baptist

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#### Grayling Baptist Church

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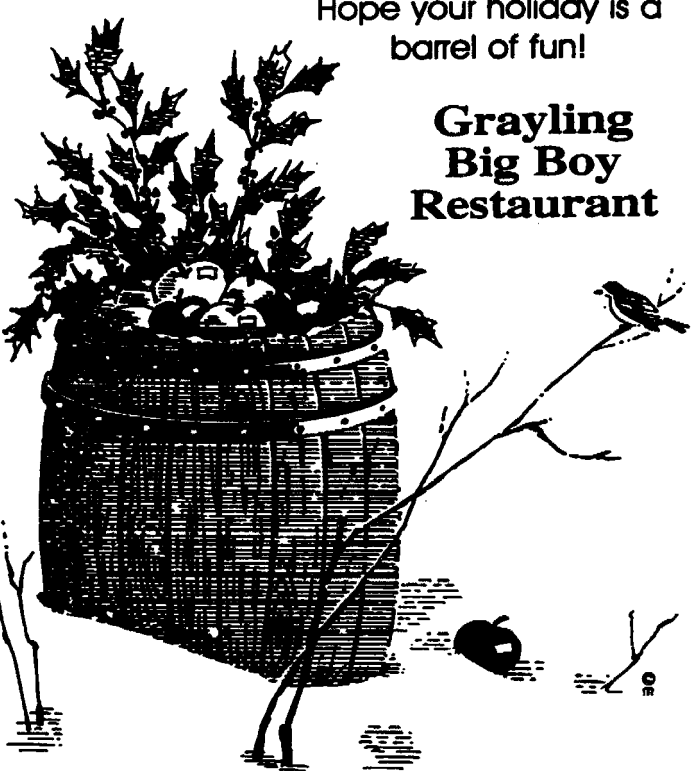
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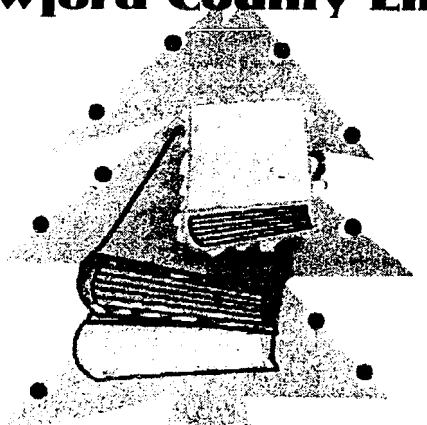
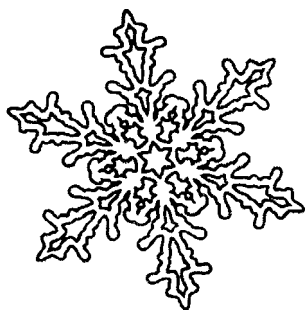
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# GHS Wrestling takes 1st at Charlevoix tourney

On Saturday, December 19, the Grayling High School Wrestling Team traveled to Charlevoix to compete against four other northern Michigan school in the Charlevoix Holiday Tournament.



**WRESTLING TEAM** -- (front row, left to right) Larry Baker, Matt Evon, Josh Niederer, Marianne Vollmer. (middle row, left to right) Andy Palmer, Chris Peters, Nick Baynham, Marc Weaver, Jason DASHO, Marc Kiefer, Nick Hurd. (back row, left to right) Ray Pyle, Alfred Borchers, Travis LaMotte, Victor CdeBaca, Chris Malone, Chris McGuire, Coach Don Ferguson.

phy, beating the teams from Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Glen Lake and Mancelona.

Several Grayling wrestlers took home first place medals, including Matt Evon, Josh Niederer, Larry Baker, Marc Weaver, Ray Pyle and Chris Peters.

Victor CdeBaca, Andy Palmer and Chris McGuire took second place medals, and Marianne Vollmer and Alfred Borchers earned third place medals.

Two days prior to the Charlevoix tournament GHS traveled to Gladwin to take on wrestlers from Bay City John Glenn and Gladwin.

Grayling medal winners at that meet included Evon, Niederer, Vollmer, Weaver, Palmer, Baker and Peters.



**MEDAL WINNERS** -- Eleven Viking wrestlers earned medals at the Charlevoix tournament. (front row, left to right) 1st place finishers: Ray Pyle, Chris Peters, Josh Niederer, Matt Evon, Larry Baker, Marc Weaver. (middle row, left to right) 2nd place finishers: Victor CdeBaca, Chris McGuire, Andy Palmer. (back row, left to right) 3rd place finishers: Marianne Vollmer, Alfred Borchers.

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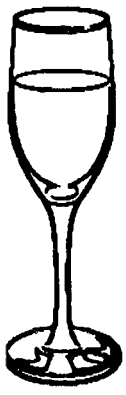
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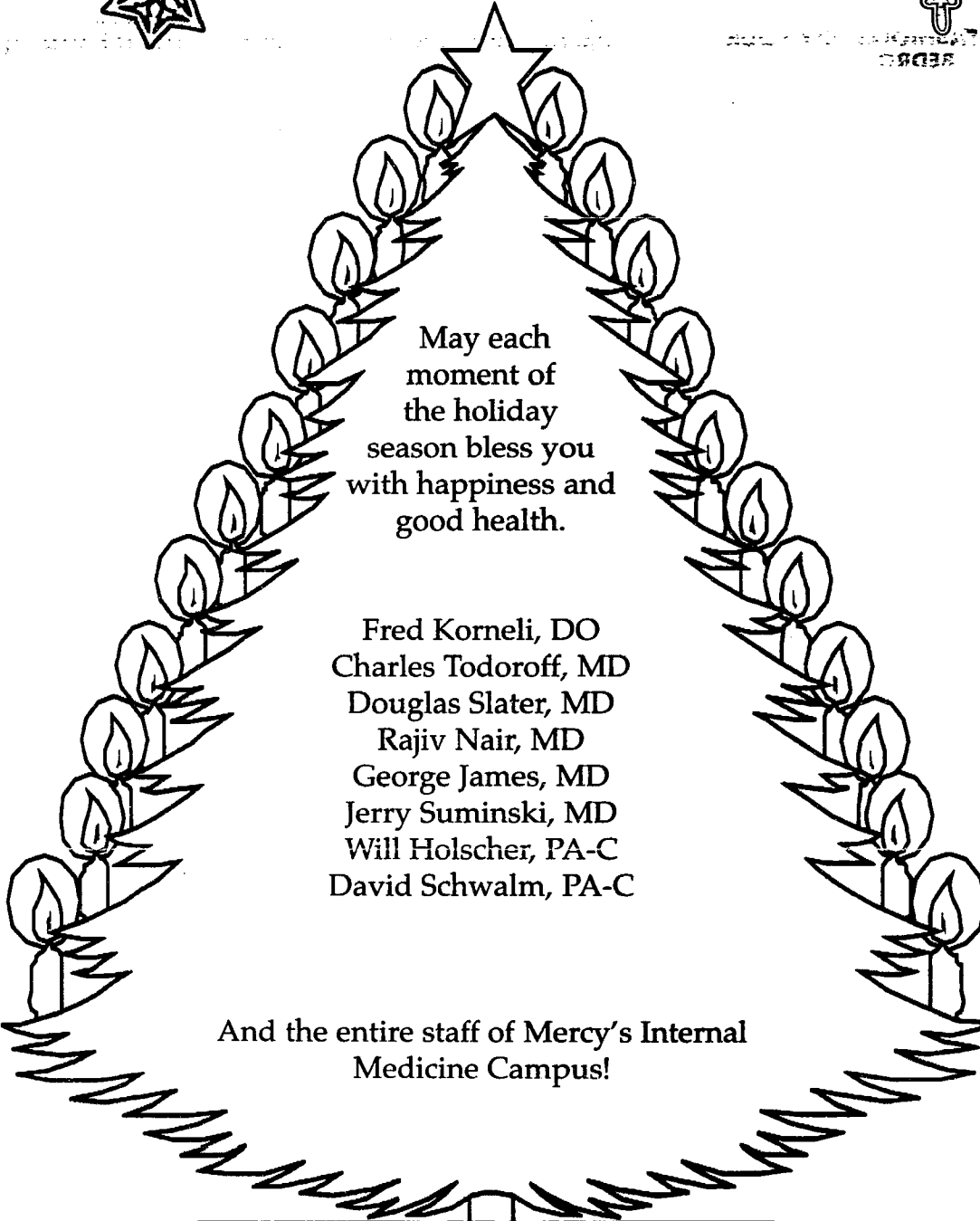


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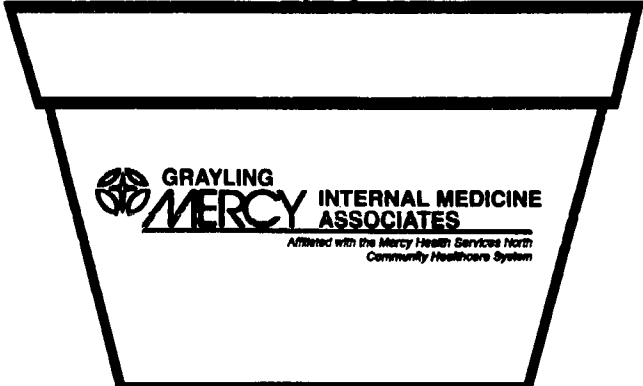
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 Chemical Bank ..... 38 - 18  
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 Custom Interior ..... 30 - 26  
 Avalanche ..... 30 - 26  
 Ginger's ..... 24 - 32  
 Lady Slippers ..... 20 - 36  
 Mercy Hospital ..... 14 - 42  
 High Game: J. Coors, 207; M.  
 Moshier, 200; J. Hinds and S.  
 Sumner, 194.  
 High Series: J. Hinds, 566; J. Coors,  
 565; M. Moshier, 531.

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 High Game: K. Schneider, 221; J.  
 Andersen, 196; B. Wheeler, 187.  
 High Series: K. Schneider, 565; S.  
 Sumner, 503; K. Schmidt, 502.

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 High Game: M. Starks, 190; B.  
 Walker and K. Schmidt, 182; S.  
 Harney and J. Tanski, 181.  
 High Series: M. Starks, 536; S.  
 Harney, 480; J. Tanski, 474.

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 High Game: J. Helsel, 230 and 222;  
 L. Helsel, 225.  
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 Davis Jr. and T. Devins, 560; P.  
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**Triangle**  
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 Tibids ..... 0 - 4  
 High Scratch Game Male - M.  
 Arwood, 189; Female - B.  
 Yanniello, 146.  
 High Scratch Series: Male - M.  
 Arwood, 464; Female - B.  
 Yanniello, 334.  
 Most Pins Over Average Male - M.  
 Arwood, 62; Female, B. Yanniello,  
 46.  
 Most Pins Over Series Male - M.  
 Arwood, 83; Female - B. Yanniello,  
 34.

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 Temptations ..... 3 - 0  
 Supremes ..... 3 - 0  
 Dimensions ..... 0 - 3

Pretenders ..... 0 - 3  
 Rolling Stones ..... 0 - 3  
 Rat Pack ..... 0 - 3  
 High Scratch Game: Male - B.  
 Jones, 140; Female - J. Stewert, 105.  
 High Scratch Series: Male - B.  
 Jones, 223; Female - J. Stewert, 175.  
 Most Pins Over Average: Male - B.  
 Jones, 49; Female - K. Smock, 30.  
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 High Scratch Game: Male - P.  
 Armstrong, 128; Female - M.  
 McGuire, 104.  
 High Scratch Series: Male - P.  
 Armstrong, 219; Female - M.  
 McGuire, 203.  
 Most Pins Over Average: Male - J.  
 Jansen, 42; Female - M. McGuire,  
 29.

High Series: M. Sumner, 531; J.  
 Campbell, 512; M. Campbell, 511.  
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 Men's High Game: J. Helsel, 236;  
 M. Sumner, 212; D. Roman, 201.  
 Men's High Series: J. Helsel, 646;  
 M. Sumner, 560; M. Ashworth, 533.  
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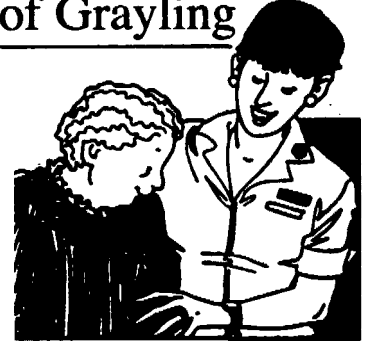
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 Swamp II ..... 45 - 53  
 Gun's & Grub's ..... 33 - 65  
 High Game: P. Miller, 245; P.  
 Faustman, 235; M. Smith, 227.  
 High Series: P. Faustman, 631; P.  
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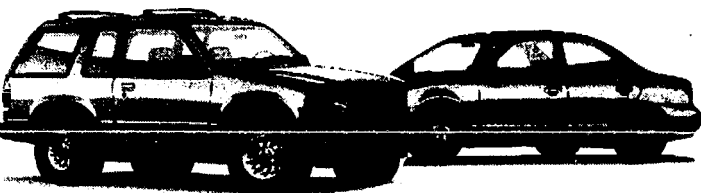
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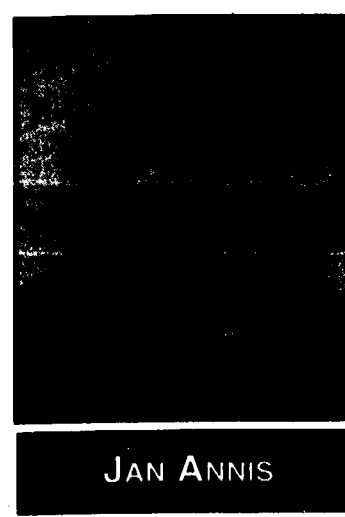
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Game 1 _____		Game 8 _____		Game 15 _____	
Game 2 _____		Game 9 _____		Game 16 _____	
Game 3 _____		Game 10 _____		Game 17 _____	
Game 4 _____		Game 11 _____		Game 18 _____	
Game 5 _____		Game 12 _____		Game 19 _____	
Game 6 _____		Game 13 _____		Game 20 _____	
Game 7 _____		Game 14 _____			
Tiebreaker 1 game #1 _____		Tiebreaker 2 game #9 _____		Tiebreaker 3 game #18 _____	

## Avalanche Football contest Official Rules

(1) Contestants must list the advertiser in which each game is found. Write your prediction for the games played, advertisers and tiebreakers (total points scored by both teams) on entry form. Entry form without advertisers listed will be invalid. The person with the most correct picks wins all the weekly prizes listed. If the tie breakers can not determine a winner, a drawing will be held to select a single winner. (2) One entry per person a week will be accepted. Crawford County Avalanche employees are not eligible. (3) Completed entry forms must be returned to the Avalanche no later than 5 pm Friday before each week's games. Mail slot in our door may be used Wednesday or Thursday night after 5 pm and before 9 am. Mailed entries must be postmarked no later than 5 pm Friday. Mail to Crawford County Avalanche, PO Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738. (4) Entries must be on an official entry form as printed in the Avalanche. No purchase necessary to enter. Entry forms are available at the Avalanche office. Winner may claim their prizes at the Avalanche office between 9 am and 5 pm weekdays. Identification and a social security number must be presented when claiming prizes.

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- |                   |                        |
|-------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Atlanta (41)   | 11. Oakland            |
| 2. NY Jets        | 12. Arizona            |
| 3. Washington     | 13. Dallas             |
| 4. Chicago        | 14. Minnesota          |
| 5. Cincinnati     | 15. Miami              |
| 6. NY Giants      | 16. North Carolina     |
| 7. Carolina       | 17. Massachusetts      |
| 8. New England    | 18. Azusa Pacific (41) |
| 9. Green Bay (52) | 19. NY Jets            |
| 10. Seattle       | 20. Atlanta            |

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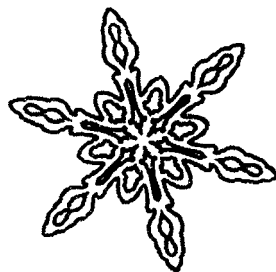




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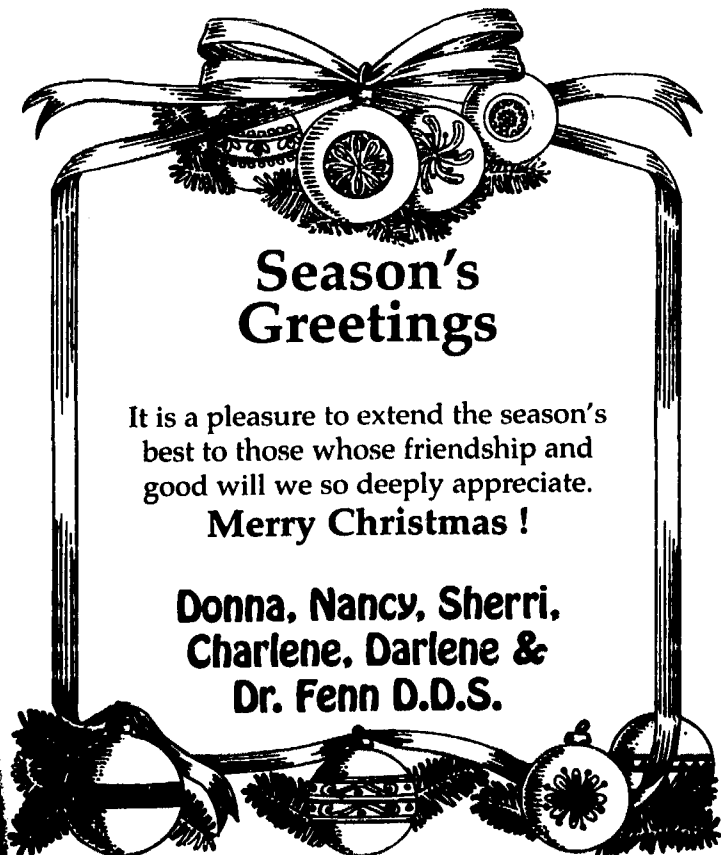


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## 7th Grade 'White' starts season with two wins

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

The Grayling Middle School 7th Grade "White" Team won the first two games of its '98-99 season with victories over West Branch and Houghton Lake.

In the team's season opener on Monday, December 14, Grayling beat the visiting West Branch team by 33 points, 43-10.

"Grayling started strong and ended the same way with a combination of good ball handling and defense," said Coach Phil

Trudgeon. "They passed and worked the ball real well."

Joe Lange led the Viking scoring with 10 points. Joe Zelek added eight, and Greg Morrill and Eric Olson each scored six points for Grayling.

The second game of the week for the Vikings resulted in a 36-34 overtime win over Houghton Lake on Wednesday, December 16.

Zack Guardado led the scoring attack with nine points. Travis Gildner put in eight, and Morrill scored seven points.

"Grayling came out strong with an eight-point lead, and led for most of the game," said Coach Phil Trudgeon. "With good passing and shot selection, plus good defense, Grayling was doing well until the end of the fourth quarter."

"Houghton Lake tied up the score with a long three-point shot," continued Trudgeon, "but Grayling regrouped and won by two in O.T."

Grayling will host the Roscommon Bucks on Wednesday, January 6, at 5 p.m.



Photo by Linda Gelnick

7TH GRADE WHITE -- (front row, left to right) Eric Olson, Zach Guardado, Travis Gildner. (middle row, left to right) Joe Lange, Steve Stilson, Jason Verlinde. (back row, left to right) Coach Phil Trudgeon, Greg Morrill, Travis Hatfield, Joe Zelek. Not pictured: Chris Riggs, Dan Blust.

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## 7th grade 'Green' downed by West Branch, Houghton Lake

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

The Grayling Middle School 7th Grade Boys Basketball "Green" Team started out the '98-99 season with a tough loss at home to West Branch on Monday, December 14. Grayling lost by one point, 29-28.

"The team started out slow the first half, but came out in the second half and played good defense," said Coach Mark Hartman.

The team managed to take a slim lead after being down by as many as 10 points, but West Branch scored in the final seconds to take the one point lead and secure the victory.

Roy Czapek, Sean Kelly and Chad Helsel each put in six points to lead the Vikings in scoring.

The GMS Vikings played again on Wednesday, December 16, this time against Houghton Lake.

Grayling lost that game as well, by a score of 33-60.

"The boys played hard against a real good Houghton Lake team," said Coach Hartman. "Grayling would close the gap, but the size and talent of Houghton Lake was too much to overcome."

Czapek was the high scorer for Grayling with 17 points.

The team's next game will be on Wednesday, January 6, against Roscommon at home.

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Frederic Inn	73
Sawmill.	65
Five Ball Run: Julie D. of Frederic Inn and Renee S. of Plaza.	
Six Ball Run: Melonie R. of Sawmill II.	

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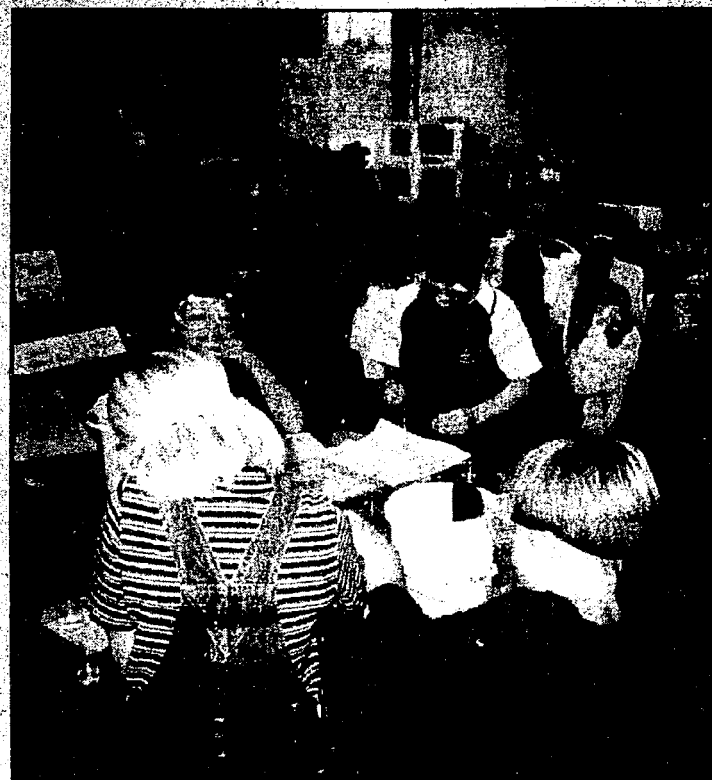
Tadpoles.	118 - 62
Frederic Inn	105 - 75
Legion	91 - 89
Red Barn	90 - 90
Riverside	88 - 92
Frogies	83 - 97
Red Barn II.	63 - 99
Plaza	58 - 104
8 Ball Run: Tom of Frederic Inn and John of Riverside.	
7 Ball Run: Scott of Legion, Kevin and Bernie of Plaza.	

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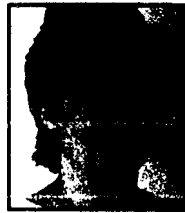
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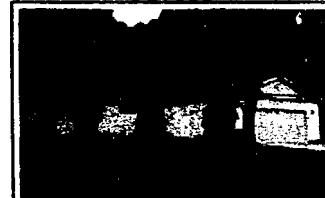
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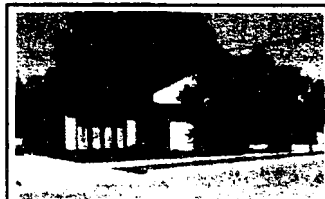
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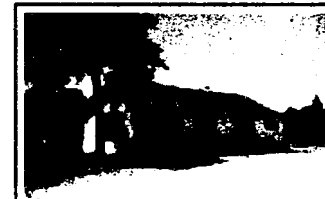
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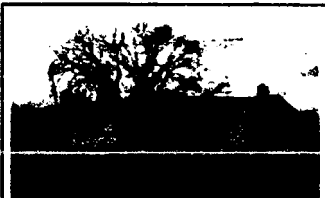
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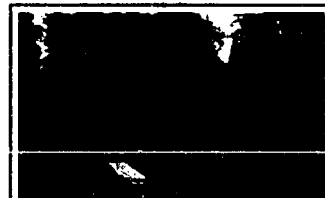
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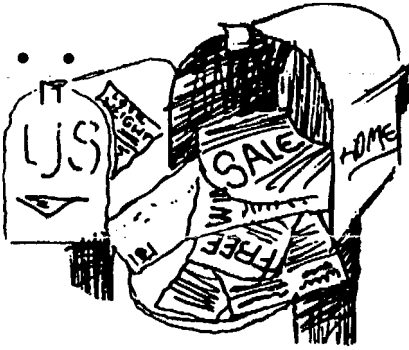
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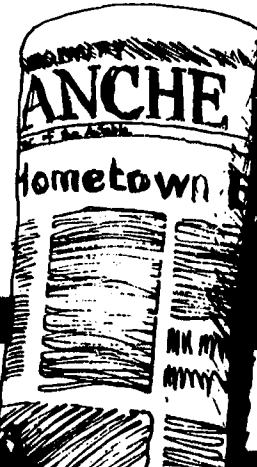


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Send resume/cover letter and salary requirements to: Weyerhaeuser, Human Resources Manager. (Resumes may also be dropped off at the Guardhouse), 4111 W Four Mile Road, Grayling, MI 49738, by Thursday, 12/31/98, or fax to 517-348-8226. Weyerhaeuser is an Equal Opportunity Employer building a capable, committed, diverse workforce.

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Applications may be sent to: Human Resources, MidMichigan Visiting Nurses, 3007 N. Saginaw Rd., Midland, MI 48640

Growing weekly newspaper seeking to fill the following positions:

**Typesetter - Part-time**  
Must possess good typing skills with computer experience.

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For general news, features and sports. Requires some evenings and weekends. Education and experience in journalism and photography a plus. Must be well organized and able to work within deadlines. Could possibly grow into full-time.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE PERSON LISTED IN INDIVIDUAL AD: 1-800-424-1457/517-348-4383

OR PLEASE FAX RESUME TO 517-348-3234 OR MAIL TO PERSON LISTED IN INDIVIDUAL AD: 125 MICHIGAN AVENUE, GRAYLING, MI 49738.

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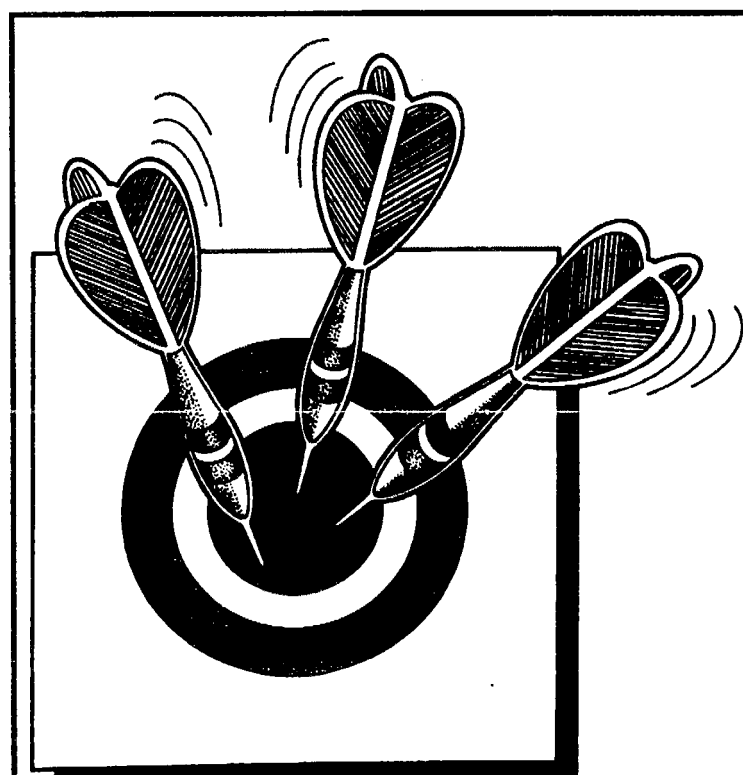
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## Early Deadlines for the Holidays!

The Crawford County Avalanche office will close at noon on Christmas Eve, December 24th and reopen at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, December 28th. Deadlines for display ads for the December 31st issue will be Thursday, December 24th at noon. Display ads for the January 7th issue will be Thursday, December 31st.

*Happy Holidays*

## LEGAL ACTION

### RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS Meeting held on November 30, 1998

I. Meeting called to order by Mayor Stevens at 7:30 p.m.  
 II. Members Present: Stevens, Golnick, Ruddy, Brown, Palmer.  
 Members Absent: None  
 Also in Attendance: Jerry W. Morford, City Manager, Kay Ellen King, J.C. King, Roger Moshier, Dave Jansen, Bob Dunham, Lula Dunham, Lillian King, Opal Hunter, Pete Stephan, Gloria Stephan, Joe Jarvis, Caleb Casey, Fay Bovee, Bob Bovee, Dennis Palmer, Skylynn Palmer, one student, Paul Smith.  
 III. 98-86  
 Moved by Ruddy, supported by Brown that the minutes of the meeting of November 9, 1998 be approved as presented. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.  
 IV. Public Hearing. Re-Zoning O-S to R-2 of properties in Martha M. Brinks 2nd.  
 Mayor Stevens opened the Public Hearing at 7:32 p.m. The City Manager explained the re-zoning of property on Huron Street and presented letters from Pete Stephan and Gaye Pizzi regarding the Public Hearing on re-zoning, both letters were opposed to re-zoning.  
 Verbal concerns from the Dunhams and Dave Jansen not to have their property included in the re-zoning.  
 Mr. Jarvis had intended for just his property to be re-zoned.  
 Peter Stephan opposes the re-zoning of the entire selections proposed in the Public

Hearing notice. Mr. Dunham noted he is against the re-zoning as Peter Stephan's letter states.  
 Paul Smith agrees not to re-zone any of this property but rather keep it O-S.  
 Mr. Dunham stated that when he bought his house only one family lived in Mr. Jarvis's house, now it is a duplex.  
 As there were no other comments from Council or the audience Mayor Stevens closed the Public Hearing at 7:45 p.m.  
 98-87  
 Moved by Brown, supported by Ruddy to leave the zoning as O-S and to deny the petition to re-zone to R-2. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.  
 V. Communications were received and noted.  
 a. October 1998 Balance Sheet.  
 b. Housing Commission Minutes of October 13, 1998. Ms. Palmer asked about the Galvani lawsuit. Mr. Morford still has nothing new to report but is amazed that the case drags on after he was told it was settled in August and signed the papers on behalf of the City.  
 c. City Holidays for 1999.  
 d. City Council Meetings for 1999.  
 e. Week-end Call for 1999.  
 f. M.M.L. Legislative Bulletin. Revenue Sharing questions will come around again in January.  
 VI. Old Business.  
 a. City Board and Commission Appointments.  
 98-88  
 Moved by Golnick, supported by Palmer to re-appoint Robert Holzman on the Compensation Commission, re-appoint Bob Ruddy on the Housing Commission, and to re-appoint Art Thayer and Robert Ruddy on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

98-89  
 Moved by Golnick, supported by Ruddy to accept Harold Golnick's resignation as Property Tax Board of Review member and to appoint Art Thayer as a full member of the Property Tax Board of Review to replace Mr. Golnick. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.  
 VII. New Business.  
 a. Cable TV Resolutions.  
 98-90  
 Moved by Golnick, supported by Palmer to approve the resolution of Avalon Cable of Michigan as presented (see attached). Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.  
 VIII. Citizens who wish to speak.  
 a. Joe Jarvis stated that if he had known about spot zoning and the Master Plan he wouldn't have requested the re-zoning.  
 IX. Reports of City Manager.  
 a. Trails Committee meeting met on Monday, November 30, 1998 and discussed many types of trails that could run through our area.  
 X. Reports of Council Members.  
 a. Ms. Palmer commented on Cemetery not looking cleaned up due to leaves against the fences. Mr. Stephan answered questions regarding the crew we use from Camp Lehman and not having the man power we once had.  
 Ms. Palmer is concerned about the snow shoveling for the school route this winter. Mr. Morford noted we will do what we can.  
 b. Ms. Palmer noted that regarding the "No Parking" signs on Lake Street by St. Mary's Church. A citizen had asked her for signs to be taken down. Ms. Palmer does not agree that the signs should be taken down. Mr. Stephan explained why signs are up and he is working with the Church at different times with this problem. Council members agreed that the signs are needed for safety.  
 c. Ms. Palmer noted that traffic was not going the speed limit, way over 25 MPH. Could City Police patrol more.  
 d. Ms. Brown wanted to remind people to vote December 8, 1998.  
 e. Mr. Stevens asked about the State Police request for the need of additional space. The City Manager is checking into different solutions and will get back with Council.  
 f. Mr. Stevens reported that the Christian Help Center called him, couldn't get their new building opened due to minor problems with codes. Mr. Stevens got a hold of the City Manager and within two hours of asking for help they were able to open. Wanted to commend the City Manager for checking this out and working together with the Help Center and County Officials to get this building open in a timely manner.  
 XI. Adjournment.  
 98-91  
 Moved by Golnick, supported by Ruddy that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.  
 Jerry W. Morford City Manager & City Manager and City Clerk

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**COME EARLY TO SPIKE'S** Friday night fish fry. Serving from 4 - 10 p.m. All you can eat just \$6.95. Kids portion also available. (7/30/98tf/5)

**DO YOU NEED AVON?** Call (517) 348-5718. (10/8/98tf/5)

**FOR SALE** Remington 760 Gamemaster 3006 3-9 scope with sling and case. \$325. CVA Hawklin 50 Cal \$140. Call after 6, (517) 348-8851. (10/15/98tf/5)

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**MARIAN GRAHAM and GERALD GRAHAM, Plaintiffs.**  
 vs.  
 THE ESTATE OF FREDERICK L. BARKER, and the Heirs and Decedents of Frederick L. Barker, Defendant.  
 MONTE BURMEISTER P48732 BLOOMQUIST & ASSOCIATES  
 Attorney for Plaintiffs  
 306 State St., P.O. Box 708, Grayling MI 49738 (517) 348-6141

#### ORDER FOR ALTERNATIVE SERVICE

At a session of said Court held in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, on this 4 day of Sept., 1998.  
 PRESENT: HONORABLE ALTON T. DAVIS, CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE  
 THE COURT having considered the Plaintiff's Motion for alternative Service, and being persuaded of the necessity for Alternative Service, NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT the defendant in this matter, THE ESTATE OF FREDERICK L. BARKER, and the heirs and decedents of FREDERICK L. BARKER, are hereby to be served by Notice through publication in the Crawford County Avalanche. Said publication shall be published once each week for three (3) consecutive weeks directing the Defendants as follows:  
 TO THE DEFENDANT, THE ESTATE OF FREDERICK L. BARKER and the Heirs and Decedents of Frederick L. Barker are included within this notice.

1. You are being sued under a COMPLAINT TO QUIET TITLE within the County of Crawford, State of Michigan;  
 2. THAT an ANSWER needs to be filed within 28 days at the Crawford County Circuit Court, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, Michigan, 49738, or other action permitted by law or court rules must be taken.  
 3. THAT a failure to ANSWER or to take other action will result in a default and default judgement being entered against the Defendant, THE ESTATE OF FREDERICK L. BARKER and the Heirs and Decedents of Frederick L. Barker.  
 4. Plaintiff shall also post a notice and one subject property for the same three weeks prior.

Dated 9/03/98  
 HONORABLE ALTON T. DAVIS  
 CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE  
 -10-17-24

#### MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

**THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.**  
 MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Julie A. RYTER, an unmarried woman (original mortgagor) to AAA Mortgage & Financial Corporation, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 27, 1996, and recorded on January 28, 1997 in Liber 424, on Page 433. Crawford County Records, Michigan and was assigned by said mortgagee to the CONTIMORTGAGE CORPORATION, as assignee by an assignment dated November 27, 1996 which was recorded on May 27, 1996, in Liber 430, on Page 418-419. Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED TWO THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FIFTY-TWO AND 90/100 dollars (\$102,952.90), including interest at 13.65% per annum.  
 Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 A.M. on January 6, 1999.

#### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

**THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.**  
 MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by William W. Witt and Mary H. Witt his wife (original mortgagors) to Citizens Bank f/k/a Grayling State Bank, Mortgagee, dated May 19, 1995, and recorded on May 25, 1995 in Liber 394, on Page 235. Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Eighteen and 36/100 dollars (\$25,018.36), including interest at 10.375% per annum. Adjustable rate mortgage. Interest rate may change 6/1.  
 Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 A.M. on January 6, 1999.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:  
 The North 10.01 acres of the South 70.07 acres of the East 1/2 of the East 1/2 of Section 3, Town 26 North, Range 3 West.  
 The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.  
 Dated November 26, 1998  
 FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:  
 (248) 642-4202  
 Trot and Trot, P.C.  
 Attorneys for Citizens Bank,  
 30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100  
 Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
 File #981110704  
 Property Address  
 514 Headquarters Road  
 Grayling, MI 49738

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### CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ORGANIZATION MEETING NOTICE

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners will hold the organization meeting at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 5, 1999 in the Crawford County Circuit Courtroom.

Sandra Moore  
 County Clerk/Register

### COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO DOG OWNERS 1999 DOG LICENSES ARE NOW ON SALE

PLEASE NOTE THAT NEW FEES ARE IN EFFECT

1999 CRAWFORD COUNTY DOG LICENSES ARE NOW AVAILABLE THE FEES ARE \$10.00 FOR MALE AND FEMALE DOGS THE FEES ARE \$6.00 SPAYED FEMALES AND NEUTERED MALES THE FEE FOR A KENNEL LICENSE IS \$25.00

YOU MUST HAVE PROOF OF NEUTERING OR SPAYING

A valid rabies vaccination certificate must be presented before you can purchase your dog license.

Licenses may be purchased beginning 12/18/98 at the Crawford County Treasurers Office, The Crawford County Animal Shelter, and the Grayling Hospital For Animals.

From 12/18/98 until March 1st. You may also purchase your license at The Lovells Township Hall, South Branch Township Hall, Beaver Creek Township Hall and The Frederic Township Hall. After March 1st license will no longer be available at these places.

License may be purchased by mail from the Crawford County Treasurers Office only. Send check or money order and valid proof of current vaccination and spaying of neutering certificate if applicable.

BEGINNING MARCH FIRST LICENSE FEES WILL DOUBLE.

MALE AND FEMALE DOGS WILL BE \$20.00  
 SPAYED OR NEUTERED DOGS WILL BE \$12.00  
 KENNEL LICENSES WILL BE \$50.00

County of Crawford  
 Treasurers Office  
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### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

**WILLIAM AZKOUL P.C. IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.**  
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### STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD Publication of Notice Of Hearing

File No. 98-4645-CH(D)

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### CRAWFORD COUNTY HOUSING REHABILITATION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

#### 1999 MEETING SCHEDULE

January 14, 1999	July 8, 1999
February 11, 1999	August 12, 1999
March 11, 1999	September 9, 1999
April 8, 1999	October 14, 1999
May 13, 1999	November 11, 1999
June 10, 1999	December 9, 1999

The meetings are held at the Citizens Bank, Grayling, MI in their conference room located in the basement and begin at 9 a.m. If any changes are made, the change will be published in ample time. Citizens wishing to address the Housing Commission Board may contact the Housing Commission office located at 203 Huron Street, Grayling, MI, (517) 348-3513, to be placed on the agenda.

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### BOARD POSITION OPENING CRAWFORD COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND COMMITTEE

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners are accepting applications for an open position with the Crawford County Economic Development Fund Committee. Members of this board review and award loans to small businesses through the economic development fund. Applicants must be 18 years of age, a Crawford County resident, may have a banking/loan institute background and the general knowledge of improving small businesses in Crawford County. Deadline to submit applications is Wednesday, December 30, 1998 at 4:30 p.m. Applications may be sought from Sandra Moore, County Clerk/Register of Deeds Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan 49738.

Sandra Moore  
 County Clerk/Register of Deeds

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# FEATURES

## HOROSCOPES

For The Week Of December 27-January 1

### ARIES March 21-April 20

Keep your evening plans flexible because you may have to deal with sudden changes. This is not a good week to sign legal documents. Instead, take time to review them and make sure you read all the small print. Consider extra security for your home.

### TAURUS April 21-May 21

Discuss the work problem that's been bothering you with your partner. A fresh insight may be just what you need to help you through it. Someone may misinterpret a chance meeting with you. Don't let the misunderstanding continue.

### GEMINI May 22-June 21

Make it your resolution to get into better shape. You've been putting off joining an exercise class, but with things tapering off, you can't use time as an excuse. Think about taking a self-improvement class to round out your New Year's goals.

### CANCER June 22-July 22

If work seems unusually stressful, consider taking a break. If that won't work, maybe you should consider delegating some of your day-to-day tasks. It would be a good time to make an appointment for a medical checkup, and it's an important way to start off the New Year.

### LEO July 23-August 23

Things may not look good at work this week if you ask for and don't receive a raise. Check out your options, but don't burn your bridges. Make sure you have a job before you say "I quit!" so this one. Your partner would be a good source for emotional help.

### VIRGO August 24-September 22

What a great time to clean out your closets and storage areas. Take the items that could be useful to someone else to a shelter and take the junk to the dump. If it's no longer useful to you, or you haven't used it in a year, get rid of it!

### LIBRA September 23-October 23

Discuss your future goals with someone you respect. His/her advice could help you get through some tough times. Money-making opportunities are there. You just have to decide how to go about taking advantage of those opportunities.

### SCORPIO October 24-November 22

If you are attracted to someone new this week, it's best if you don't voice your opinion yet. It could end up jeopardizing a long-standing friendship. You've been working too many hours, so this would be a good time to get a little balance back in your life.

### SAGITTARIUS November 23-December 21

Stick to your own plans and principles; don't be influenced by the crowd. This is a good week for you to consider your long- and short-term goals. If you're worried about your weight, it's also the perfect time to change your diet and workout habits.

### CAPRICORN December 22-January 20

Without the rush of the holidays, it's a good time to take up a new hobby. Look to a community college for ideas. Or maybe a close friend has a good suggestion for the two of you. Making time for something new will bring a new feeling of fulfillment.

### AQUARIUS January 21-February 18

Your self-confidence is at a high level this week. Use it wisely to get projects and goals accomplished. If the holidays seem to have gotten to you and you are not feeling well, seek the advice of a doctor. Don't depend on a friend's diagnosis.

### PISCES February 19-March 20

Be a little flexible with your time this week. Your schedule has been so hectic, you need to loosen it up a bit. Before you speak out about someone this week, examine your motives, and don't let anger decide what you are going to say.

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK

### KIWIFRUIT AND CRANBERRY CHUTNEY

1/2 cup brown sugar  
1/2 cup red wine vinegar  
1 small red onion, diced  
1 tbsp. minced fresh ginger root  
1/2 cup dried sweetened cranberries  
2 ripe but firm Zespri Kiwifruit  
salt & pepper

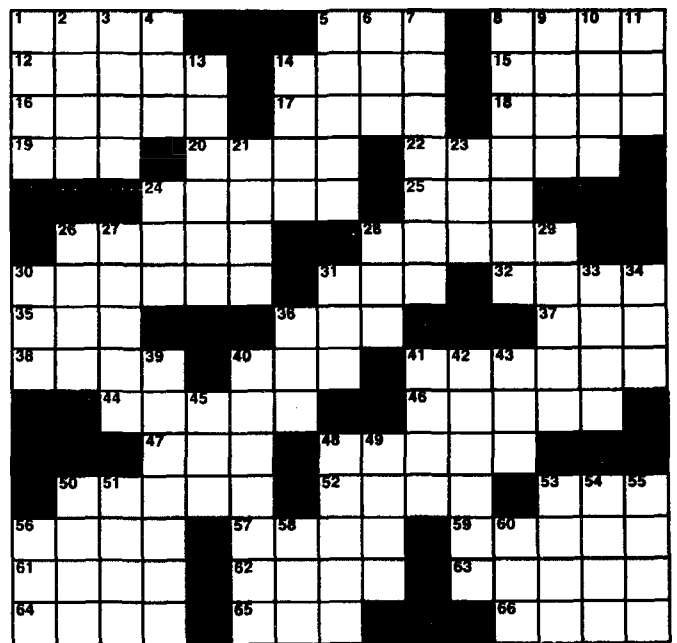
In a small saucepan, combine sugar and

vinegar. Bring to a boil; add onion, ginger and dried cranberries. Cook 2 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from heat, transfer to a bowl and cool to room temperature. Stir in kiwifruit, cover and refrigerate 1-2 hours. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Serve immediately. Makes about 1 cup.



**HOME NEEDED** - Puddles is a 2-year-old dachshund mix female, house broken and very friendly. To adopt any of the pets available, stop by or give the Animal Shelter of Crawford County a call at 348-4117.

## CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

1. Canadian flyers
5. Million barrels per day: abbr.
8. Canned meat
12. Afflicted with rabies
14. New England river
15. King of Huns (Scandinavian)
16. Wife of Amphion
17. God of war
18. Afrikaans
19. Answer: shortened form
20. Any occult characters
22. Get up
24. Gentlemen of rank
25. Niger-Congo languages
26. Spanish mountain
28. Distributes
30. Glowing rings around the heads of angels
31. Female sibling: slang
32. Translucent, brownish-red quartz
35. Application: shortened form
36. A flat cushion or mat
37. Federal Aviation Administration: abbr.
38. Netherlands river (also called "Meuse" River)
40. Political Action Committee: abbr.
41. With caution
44. Anwar \_\_\_\_, Egyptian statesman
46. Got up
47. Russian commune
48. \_\_\_\_, Spectator, U.S. Senator

50. A line spoken by an actor to the audience but not intended for others on the stage
52. Herb \_\_\_\_, San Francisco columnist
53. Relative Biological Effectiveness: abbr.
56. Complex quantities
57. Tackle the quarterback
59. Expressed pleasure
61. Small skin growth, usually dark or hairy
62. Republic of Ireland
63. To rise up, aquatically
64. At another time
65. Senior officer: abbr.
66. Prefix meaning changed or involving change

### DOWN

1. Ribosomal Ribonucleic Acid: abbr.
2. Abel's brother (Bible)
3. Aussies
4. Little white lie
5. Female horses
6. Bachelor of Civil Engineering: abbr.
7. Recommended intakes of pills
8. Literary ironies
9. Parent-Teachers Associations: abbr.
10. Wings
11. Million: shortened form
13. Treat with contempt
14. Frée from psychological disorder
21. Large extinct European wild ox
23. A settled and monotonous routine that is hard to escape
24. Standing Room Only: abbr.
26. Mama's partner
27. They (Spanish, fm.)
28. Middle: shortened form
29. Metal containers for storing valuables
30. An unskilled actor who overacts
31. A pouchlike structure in a plant or animal
33. Abnormal breathing sound
34. "One \_\_\_\_ at a time"
36. To tap gently, as on one's back
39. Japanese banjo
40. Can't move
41. Discount on prices
42. Stadiums
43. Nigerian people
45. Have already done
46. National capital
49. Tool for gathering leaves
50. The longest division of geological time
51. Tall, cylindrical structure near a barn
53. Syngman \_\_\_\_, Korean president
54. Disfigured the shape of
55. Icelandic poems
56. Returned Material Authorization: abbr.
58. "Ready, \_\_\_\_, FIRE!"
60. Association of College Mathematicians: abbr.

ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS

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## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

### 23 YEARS AGO

December 25, 1975

Bear introduces new high-impact compound bow archery caddies.

On Wednesday evening, December 17th, the Grayling Bell Ringers and the Grayling Chorale spent the afternoon in Mt. Pleasant video-taping a television special which will be broadcast on Channels 6 and 14 at 7:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve and then re-broadcast as a Christmas Day Special.

The Grayling Bell Ringers have been performing now for more than a year and during the past summer their popularity grew greatly because of their performances at various functions in Northern Michigan, including the State Convention of Soil Conservation Districts.

A son, Silas Andrew, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Kibbe of Grayling on December 17th, weighing 8 lbs. 8 1/2 ozs.

Mr. and Mrs. Craig Keller of Grayling are the parents of a daughter, Angela Lee, born December 19th, weighing 6 lbs 14 1/2 ozs.

### 46 YEARS AGO

December 25, 1952

Dr. and Mrs. B. E. Henig and daughter Janie spent the weekend in Detroit. Candace and Gretchen Henig spent the time in Lansing visiting their grandparents Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Farrington.

Mr. and Mrs. James Brown of Mt. Clemens are expected to spend Christmas with her parents. Dr. and Mrs. C. G. Clippert. Alan Stevenson of Albion is expected later during the holidays.

Seventeen boys and girls enjoyed a Christmas party at the home of Miss Judy Sorenson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sorenson on Saturday evening. Gifts were exchanged and dancing and a lunch enjoyed.

The Devere Wolcotts received a good surprise Tuesday morning when their son, Devere, Jr., arrived from the San Diego Naval Base to spend Christmas at home. He will leave to return on Friday.

Herb Wheeler is home from

Philadelphia to spend Christmas with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Ashton are happy over the arrival of a son on December 23.

Rita Barber, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elroy Barber, of Frederic, Michigan will spend her Christmas Vacation at home. She is a student at Northeastern School of Commerce, Bay City, Michigan. The holiday vacations starts Friday, December 19, and the student will return to college Monday, January 5, 1953. Rita is a member of the Girls basketball team and also on the Honor Roll.

Janie and Merdene Brush are spending their holiday vacations with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arden Snyder. The girls are students at Northeastern School of Commerce, Bay City. Both young ladies are on the honor roll and are also members of the girl's bowling team.

Little Jeanie Nielsen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl H. Nielsen, Jr. was a great big four years old on December 15 and her mother entertained seventeen of her little friends in honor of the occasion. The children played and also enjoyed the usual birthday refreshments.

Laurianne Olson daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nels P. Olson celebrated her birthday last Thursday by entertaining a number of her little friends at a party at her home. Her mother also treated the kindergarten class at school in the morning.

Kip Papendick, S.A. arrived home Friday from New York to spend a week with his wife and visit his parents. Kip is stationed aboard the U.S.S. Benington, an air craft carrier.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rosen and daughter Susan Bea of Portales, New Mexico, James McRenolds of Clovis and Roy Milnes, Jr., of Ortonville arrived Monday to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Milnes, Sr.

### 69 YEARS AGO

December 26, 1929

Miss Margaret Weiss is assisting at the .5c to \$1 Store during the Christmas rush.

Emerson Hoesli, who has been employed in Saginaw arrived Sunday to spend several weeks at his home here.

Earle Serven of Gary, Indiana and Floyd Serven of Portland, Oregon are visiting at the Frank Serven home.

Because of the illness of her mother, Miss Helen Estee, History teacher in high school, resigned her position and left Friday night for her home in Sheperd.

Little Junior Lovely son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lovely had the misfortune of breaking his leg at school one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Laurant of Big Rapids arrived Monday to spend Christmas with the formers father, Mose Laurant

Mrs. Katherine Gamble of Jackson is spending the winter with her grandmother, Mrs. Frank Beckman.

### 92 YEARS AGO

December 27, 1906

Frank Phelps, now of Stanton, is shaking hands with his old chums and family.

Harry Johnson and wife and babies came up from Bay City for the Christmas festivities.

Mrs. P. Hanson slipped on the icy walk and fractured her arm.

Ice on School Section Lake is about 10 inches thick.

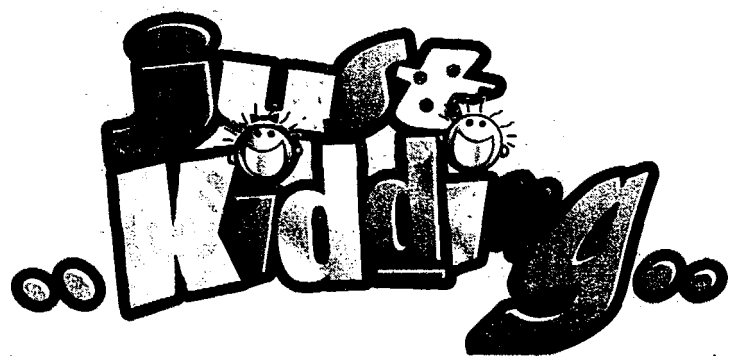
Fred Sleight and family came down from Johannesburg to enjoy Christmas with father W. Havens.

Perry Ostrander and family drove up from the farm Tuesday to eat with his daughter and family, Mrs. Charles Waldron.

R. Handson and N.P. Olson started for Louisiana last Tuesday. They with others from here are looking over a prospective lumber investment.

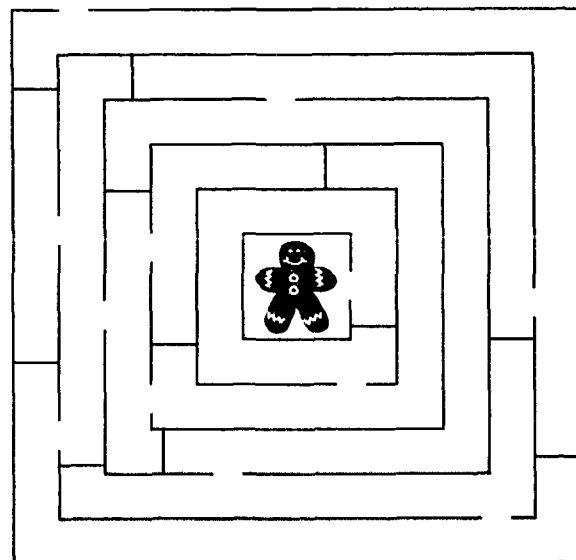
Cards are received here announcing the marriage on the 21 of Mr. Olaf N. Michelson and Miss Mollie Annin at Kingston. They will be "At Home" in Grayling after February 1.

Arthur Fournier is home for vacation from the University of Notre Dame.



Start Here

Find the gingerbread man.



**WEATHER**  
Courtesy of the City of Grayling



Date	High	Low	Snow
12/16	48	28	
12/17	37	27	0.01
12/18	31	06	0.08
12/19	36	20	0.04
12/20	33	12	0.01
12/21	28	11	0.04
12/22	29	05	0.04

**Extended Forecast courtesy of the U.S. Weather Service in Gaylord:**  
Thursday will have scattered snow showers with the high in the lower 20's and low 5 to 15. Friday will have a chance of snow with the high in the 20's and low 5 to 15. Saturday will have a chance of snow with the high in the 20's and the low 10 to 20.

5. For Sale

**RED-OAK FOR SALE** \$35 a cord. (517) 344-2300 (12/3/98tf/5)

**REGISTERED ROTTWEILER PUPPIES** declawed, tails docked, all shots. Parents can be seen on site. \$200. Call (517) 348-7234 or (517) 348-1097. (-3-10-17-23/5)

**CAN'T FIT THE CAR IN THE GARAGE?** Sell those extra goodies quick with an ad in *Avalanche For Sale Classifieds*. (517) 348-6811

**QUEEN SIZE ORTHOPEDIC** mattress set Brass headboard and frame. Never used, still in plastic. Cost \$1,000. Sell \$300. Phone # (616) 922-8056. (LR1/7/99/5)

5. For Sale

**BEANIE BABIES FOR SALE** Princess \$20, Glory \$25, Erin \$25, Valentino \$20, Fortune \$15, Santa \$20, Zero \$20, Pumpkin \$20, Scorch \$20, Lucy \$20 and more! Call (517) 348-6767 (-24/5)

**ALMOND ELECTRIC STOVE** Works great, very clean \$55. (517) 348-4696 (-17/24/5)

**FRED BEAR BOW** hunting company embroidered hats. Makes a very nice gift, direct from Bear Archery in Florida. Available at First Impressions Sportswear. (517) 348-8627. (-24/5)

**FOR SALE** VCRs and TVs of all sizes reasonably priced for the holidays. Call (517) 348-1853. (-24/5)

5. For Sale

**SNOWMOBILE AUCTION** Saturday, January 2nd. Starts at 9 a.m., sleds at 11:30 a.m. America's largest. Over 200 new and used snowmobiles plus RVs and trailers. Buy or sell. Free brochure call (517) 369-1153. Terms: cash or travelers checks. 25% down payment required. Two auction rings-bring a friend! Great deals-great fun! White Star Snowmobile Auction, Inc. US-12 east of Bronson, Michigan. (-24/5)

**BEANIES SET** 1-10 \$125 cash includes 98 Teddy plus Halo Bear. Also, large ceramic lighted Xmas tree \$50 cash. (517) 348-7407. (-24/5)

**FEMALE BRITTANY** six weeks old. Parents great hunters with good disposition. Call (517) 348-2815. (-24/5)

6. Wanted

**LOOKING FOR ANY** pre 1978 Bear Archery items for my own personal collection. Check your closets and attics. Call Pete Kocenas (517) 348-8627. (12/3/98tf/6)

**THE CAR LOT** is always open in the *Avalanche Classifieds*. (517) 348-6811

7. Miscellaneous

**LOST CAT** big gold and white short hair "Huggy". Lost in Roberts Rd. area, last seen, Sunday, September 6 at 2 a.m. He is very missed, call 517-348-9703, Reward. (-24/7)

**AVON NOW AVAILABLE** in your area, call (517) 348-5718. (10/8/98tf/7)

**BIG SELECTION OF** Chevrolet and Ford embroidered jackets, shirts, and hats. First Impressions Sportswear, Frederic. Located in the Sledheads building. (517) 348-8627 (12/3/98tf/7)

**GUN SHOW** Cadillac Civic Arena January 2nd and 3rd, Saturday 9-5, Sunday 9-4, 22 Rifle Door Prize, J&J Sports Shows, 1-800-968-5016. (-24/7)

**HELP WANTED HINTS** When placing a Help Wanted Classified, remember to list the job title and duties involved, whether it is full or part time, the name of company or business, mailing address for resume, or street address for walk-in applications. **Crawford County Avalanche**, 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (517) 348-6811

**LOST TWO YEAR OLD** male Pomeranian. Weighs around eight pounds, red in color. Answers to Cody. Lost in area of Wilcox Bridge Rd. and River Park Dr., gone a week. If found please call (517) 348-8622 or (517) 344-8005. (-24/7)

8. Announcements

**COME EARLY TO SPIKE'S** Friday night fish fry. Serving from 4 - 10 p.m. All you can eat just \$6.95. Kids portion also available. (7/30/98tf/8)

**LOOKING FOR A NEW fundraiser?** Try Avon...call 348-5718. (10/15/98tf/8)

8. Announcements

**LOOKING FOR** hard to find Beanie Babies? We also have specialty candles and Earthen candles. Family Tree Gift Shop. Winter hours, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. (517) 348-1294. (LR12/31/98/8)

**AVALANCHE OFFICE HOURS:** Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (517) 348-6811

**NOW ACCEPTING DONATIONS** for the first annual Project Graduation Super (Rummage) Sale to be held in February 1999. No items too big or small. Please consider donating your old items once new Christmas items appear. All donations to benefit 1999 GHS Graduating Class. Call Chuck Dickie at 348-5174 or Kelly Merchand at 348-4488 for drop off or pick up arrangements. (-24/8)

**LOOKING FOR SOMETHING** for your snowmobiling friends. Take a drive to downtown Frederic and check out Sledheads of Frederic 517-DIG-SNOW (344-7669). (12/10/98tf/8)

**A ROOF OVER YOUR HEAD** can always be found in the *Avalanche Real Estate Classifieds* 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (517) 348-6811

**PSYCHIC READINGS** Know your future. Love! Money! Success! Call 1-900-370-6777. Ext. 9469. \$3.99 per min., must be 18 years. Serv-U (619) 645-8434. (-24/8)

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**YORTY'S ANTIQUE AND BOOKS** open Sat. 26th, Sat., Jan. 2nd 12-5, closed Sunday. By first bank on County Rd. 200, Higgins Lake. (-24/8)

9. Personals

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY DR. OPPER-MANN** December 23rd. Love, Angel, Brindle, Zeke, Star and Byron. (-24/9)

**ADVERTISING DEADLINES:** Regular Display - 1/2 to full page, 5 p.m. Thursday. All others 5 p.m. Friday. Classified Display - 12 noon Monday. Classified by the word - 12 noon Tuesday. These deadlines may change with notice due to holidays or special publication.

11. Automotive

**1993 CHRYSLER CONCORD** 3.3L, loaded, clean car, \$6,800. (517) 275-9974. (-10-17-24/11)

**AVALANCHE OFFICE HOURS:** Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (517) 348-6811

**1996 DODGE CARGO VAN** Transport ready, excellent condition, runs great \$12,000. (517) 348-4696 (-17-24/11)

**THAT VACATION CABIN OR HOME** can always be found in the *Avalanche For Rent Classifieds* 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (517) 348-6811

**FOR SALE** 1995 Ford XL full size pick-up, extended cab. Two wheel drive, fiberglass matching topper reece hitch, 300 six cylinder. Automatic power steering and brakes. Aluminum rims, A/C, AM/FM stereo, 48,500 miles. Very clean, excellent condition. Call Ron at (517) 348-8001 after 6 p.m. (-24/11)

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Merry Christmas  
**Rene**



We will miss your smiling presence at home this year. Love and Happy Holidays to you and Mike.  
Mom, Dad, J.R. & Danielle

Real Estate

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**Lovely brick & cedar-sided ranch home** across from Fox Run Country Club. This home must be visited to appreciate. Features include circle drive, large open floor plan featuring see-through fireplace, 10' ceiling and mirrored wet bar. #4361 \$230,000 Ask for Randy Thompson!



**A wonderful newer up north chalet**, offering 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, open cathedral ceiling, ceramic kitchen floor & entryway, extensive decking and more. All on 5 acres, plus the beginning of your own spring fed pond. Excellent quality throughout. "Moose" on garage does not stay. #4366 \$110,000 Ask for Debbie Bondar!



**Just recently painted exterior**, new large family room offering knotty pine interior; large dining room with French doors, 2 fireplaces and situated on 1.6 acres with 2 ponds. #4370 \$125,000 Ask for Debbie Bondar!



**Very clean, 3 bedroom mobile home** has 1 and 1/2 baths, new carpet and plenty of extras like cable TV in three rooms plus antenna, 4 phone jacks, electric garage door opener, large private back yard with nice garden area and extra storage space in garage ceiling. Home is very energy efficient with extra insulation, the gas bill runs \$468.00 FOR THE YEAR! THE YEARLY electric is \$396.00. #4330 \$41,000 Ask for Connie Winans!



**Cute Cottage** will make an excellent get-a-way. Located close to Snowmobile trails, Horse trails, Hiking trails, the AuSable River and Big Creek. Featuring laundry hook-up, a two car garage, shed and a 12x11 screened in porch. #4333 \$32,000 Ask for Connie Winans!



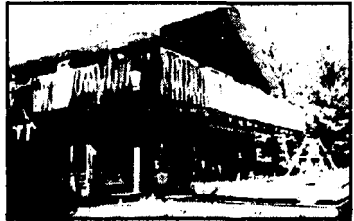
**Renovated 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home** has a private dressing room, library, hardwood floors, full basement, 24x36 barn and an attached garage! Harrison area. #4165 \$79,900 Ask for Jim Wiltse!



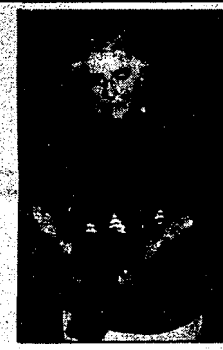
**Local restaurant has Up-North atmosphere.** Busy year-round restaurant located on I-75 Business Loop with 230 feet of frontage. Has room to expand and also on location is a 3 bedroom home. #4088 \$230,000 Ask for Connie Winans!



**This cute A-frame make for a great hideaway**, hunting camp or vacation getaway sitting on 2 lots with all the amenities that Warblers Hideaway has to offer and close to State Land, the AuSable River and Big Creek. #4294 \$39,900 Ask for Bob Pollack!



**Your focal point upon entering into the living room** will be the attractive stone fireplace w/brass framed doors. Large windows across the front of the home lends a splendid view of the AuSable River. Lower level features wet bar, sauna, 3/4 bath and doorways leading out to the deck overlooking the river. #4242 \$249,900 Ask for John Kuszak!



Shown here is Madlyn (Wakeley) Henkel, age 78 with her 4 point buck. Bagged November 25, 1998 in Crawford County.

Happy 19th Kristie




Happy Sweet 16 Carrie  
Love Mom & Dad



We think it's great 2nd of 8 is now "50". This cute face works at the middle school.

DO YOU KNOW THIS 40 YEAR OLD?



Happy Birthday Wild!  
Pam, Wayne, Jared & Joni

Happy Holidays  
From  
The Crawford  
County Avalanche!

Answers

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